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Hopefully, they (India & Pak) can stop now. If I can help I will be there. Want to see them work it out... It's a shame. I guess people knew something was going to happen based on a little bit of the past... I just hope it ends very quickly — Donald Trump

Rising India-Pak tensions will be of serious concern for many across Britain. We are **engaging urgently** with both, as well as other international partners, encouraging **dialogue, de-escalation and protection of civilians** — UK PM Keir Starmer

Israel supports India's right to self-defence. Terrorists should know there's no place to hide from their heinous crimes — Israel ambassador Reuvan Azar

China expresses regret over India's military actions and is concerned about current developments. China opposes all forms of terrorism. We call on India and Pakistan to... avoid actions that further complicate the situation — Chinese foreign ministry



■ 31 Killed In Strikes, Will Retaliate, Says Islamabad ■ 12 Civilians, 1 Jawan Die In Pak Shelling ■ 27 Airports In North & West India Shut Till May 10

PAYBACK FOR PAHALGAM

India Unleashes Mayhem On 4 Pak & 5 POK Terror Hubs Of LeT, Jaish, Hizb

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New Delhi: It was a cold, calculated, carefully calibrated retribution after keeping Pakistan on edge for 15 days since the Pahalgam terror massacre. In the early hours of Wednesday, India carried out precision strikes on nine terror hubs in Pakistan and

HIGH ALERT

► India shores up defences across land, air and sea. Vital installations including dams under watch. Multi-layered air defence network fully activated. IAF fighter jets flying patrols. Tri-service Strategic Forces Command, which handles nuclear arsenal, on high alert | P 13
 ► 430 flights cancelled. While all airlines, including foreign carriers, avoiding Pak airspace, civilian flights halted at 27 airports, including Hindon civil terminal | P 13
 ► Hundreds along LoC & IB evacuated to safer zones
 ► 4-hour blackout ordered from midnight in 4 border dists of Raj & Jodhpur
 ► Centre calls all-party meet at 11am to brief oppn netas. PM Modi calls off 3-nation Europe tour | P 14 & 15

POK to "successfully destroy them" in a synchronised operation by the IAF and Army.

Under the tellingly named Operation Sindoar, a strike package of Rafale, MiG-2000 and Sukhoi-30MKI fighters fired a salvo of long-range missiles and 'smart' glide bombs without crossing the Line of Control (LoC) or international boundary (IB) in J&K after taking off from different bases in the hinterland. AEW&C (airborne early warning and control) aircraft served as the 'eyes and ears' of the supersonic jets for the mission.

► 'Scripted history', P 17

OTHER TOP STORIES

Rohit quits Tests ahead of crucial England tour

Rohit Sharma (38) announced on Wednesday his retirement from Test cricket (4,301 runs in 67 matches at an average of 40.6) with immediate effect, leaving Team India in need of a new captain for the crucial five-match series in England starting June 20. Rohit will continue as ODI captain, BCCI confirmed. P 25

Right of accused to get all ED docs: SC

Supreme Court on Wednesday ruled a PMLA accused is entitled to get a list of all documents and material collected by ED during a probe. It said it is the fundamental right of an accused to have a fair trial. P 10

SC allows post-poll EVM mock voting

Adding extra layers of scrutiny in EC's amended SOP for testing the integrity of EVMs, SC Wednesday said if a candidate wanted to conduct mock voting on EVMs, its symbol loading unit could not be changed. P 10

5 schoolkids, driver die in Pj road crash

Five students, aged between seven and 12, were killed when the SUV in which they were returning home from school collided with a truck in Patiala on Wednesday. The SUV driver also died. Seven others were injured. P 10

DEEP STRIKES ON DEEP STATE

INDIA GOES HAMMER AND SCALP ON TERROR INFRA

Nine camps chosen from a list of 21 'well-known training camps' on the basis of intel inputs. Locations chosen to avoid civilians and civilian infrastructure

PAKISTAN

1 Markaz Subhan Allah, Bahawalpur

100km from International Border, JeM headquarters, residence of Masood Azhar. 2019 Pulwama attack planned from here

2 Markaz Taiba, Muridke

25km from IB. LeT headquarters. 26/11 terrorists trained here. Osama bin Laden gave Pak Rs 10L for its construction

3 Sarjal, Sialkot

6km from IB. Terrorists



PAKISTAN

4 Mehmoona Joya, Sialkot

12km from IB. Key Hizbul Mujahideen training camp. Pathankot airbase attack directed from here

5 Barnala, Bhimber

9km from LoC, training centre for IEDs, handling weapons, jungle survival

6 Abbas, Kotli

13km from LoC, nerve

centre for training of LeT suicide bombers

7 Gulpar, Kotli

30km from LoC, base of LeT terrorists operating in Rajori-Poonch. Behind April 20, 2023 Poonch attack and June 9 attack on pilgrims

8 Sawai Nala, Muzaffarabad

30km from LoC, key LeT training facility

9 Syed Bilal, Muzaffarabad

JeM staging area. Camp for weapons, explosives training



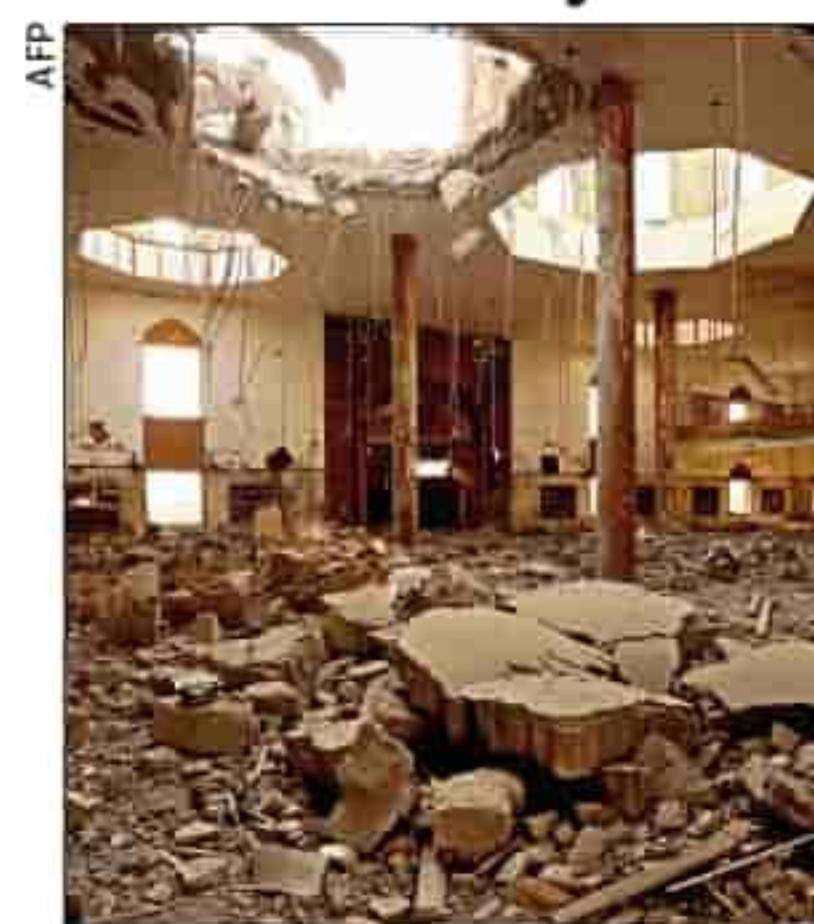
An Indian missile hits JeM HQ at Bahawalpur

► Camps hit between 1.04am and 1.30am Wednesday. Long-range strike weapons used, including SCALP cruise missiles (aka Storm Shadow), HAMMER precision bombs, and loitering munitions (aka kamikaze weapons) that hover over, identify and eliminate targets

► Name of operation symbolised the loss suffered by women whose partners were brutally killed in Pahalgam. A distraught Himanshi Narwal, sitting beside the body of her husband Lt Vinay Narwal, became the image of the tragedy

Notorious Nine: Why India Hit Them

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A damaged structure after the strikes in Bahawalpur. A source involved in the planning said the idea was to send a message: 'We know who you are and where you are. It's time for you to know about our intent and capability to get you wherever you are'

ught, seemed impregnable. Until Tuesday when the Indian Army and IAF hit them with precision strikes.

The Markaz, sprawling over 15 acres, has been JeM's primary hub for training and indoctrination of jihadis. It was where Maulana Masood Azhar, after sliding under the radar for nearly two years following international pressure on ISI, resurfaced on Nov 30, 2024. In his speech to JeM members, he reiterated his unrelenting hostility towards India, vowing revenge for the construction of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya at the site of Babri Masjid.

► Dozen terror strikes, P 16

Indian guns pound 3 villages across LoC from Poonch

Terror mastermind Maulana Masood Azhar said 10 members of his family and followers died in the Indian strikes on Bahawalpur and wished he had perished too. The Jaish-e-Muhammad founder said he had about 16km from LoC.

This was in retaliation to heavy Pakistani shelling through the day. At least a dozen civilians, including four children, were killed and 50 injured, report Sanjay Kharuria & Naseer Ganai. One jawan, Lance Naik Dinesh Kumar, was among those who died. All those killed were from Poonch, and five were Sikhs. P 14

'Act of war', says Pak PM Sharif

Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif called India's strikes an "act of war" and claimed that a "resolute response" was under way. Pak army threatened a "strong retaliation" and revised the toll in the strikes from 8 to "at least 31". Pak claimed to have downed five fighter jets, including three Rafale, but there was no response from India. Defence minister Khawaja Asif, who had earlier said they were ready to "wrap up" tensions if India de-escalated, later said they will only hit military targets. Late Wednesday, Islamabad restored air traffic on major routes. P 13

Husbands killed by terrorists, justice delivered by Op Sindoor

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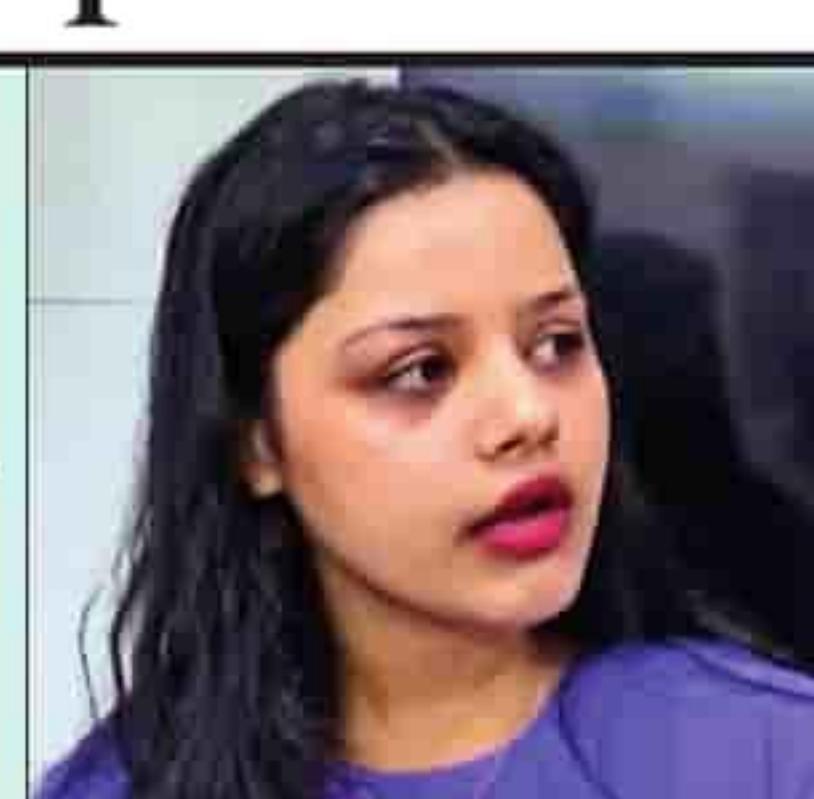
I am satisfied, my late father would now be at peace — Sanjay Lele's son Harshal. It's time govt takes decisive action to dismantle all terror networks and ensure no other family suffers what we are going through — IAF Corporal Hailiyang's wife Charo Kamhua

Nothing should happen to innocents, but those who try to indulge in rogue actions should not be spared. My son's sacrifice should not go waste — Sumathi, mother of Manjunath Rao

Our sindoor was wiped out by terrorists, but today I am very happy that under Op Sindoor our armed forces destroyed terrorists' bases in Pakistan — Santosh Jagdale's wife Pragati

to IAF corporal Tage Hailyang for less than a year.

"Justice served. It's their turn to feel the terror," said Jennifer Nathaniel in Indore, Tage, who had been married



India's action has brought peace to Vinay Narwal's soul. I am thankful to the govt, but I request them not to end it here. They should ensure that this is the start of the end of terrorism in our country — Lt Vinay Narwal's wife Himanshi

just over a fortnight after her husband Sushil Nathaniel fell to terrorist bullets.

► 'My sindoor...', P 20

Musk's Starlink gets LOI for satcom licence

Elon Musk's satellite communications venture Starlink has been issued a Letter of Intent (LOI) for a satcom licence. The development comes at a time when the govt is negotiating a bilateral trade agreement with the US to ward off the Trump administration's reciprocal tariffs, reports Pankaj Doval.

Starlink had been waiting for an approval of its application for a Global Mobile Personal Communication by Satellite (GMPCS) licence from DoT for several years. The company has agreed to follow India's laws around data localisation, interception and having a command and control centre here. LOI has been issued for giving out the GMPCS licence to the company, top sources told TOI. The development follows recent conversation of PM Modi with Musk last month. P 21



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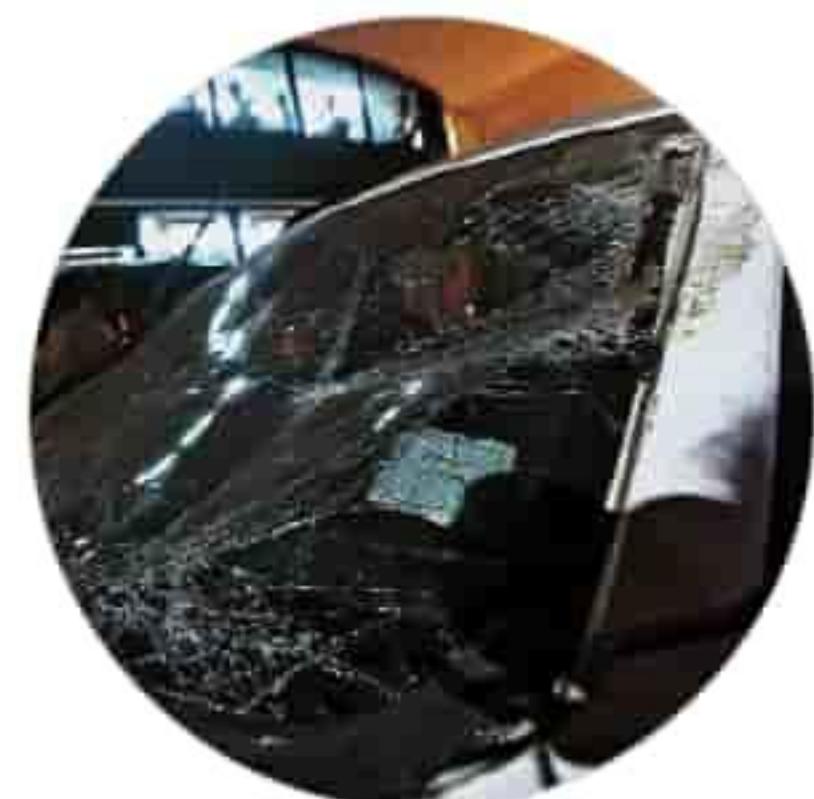
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Wg Cdr Vyomika Singh (L) and Col Sofiya Qureshi | Profiles on P 12

An Army right after GOI's confirmation of the strikes — Operation Sindoor in block letters, with the first 'O' represented by a bowl of vermillion. But even more powerful symbolism was to come. Two women armed forces officers helmed the military side of India's official briefing. One, Colonel Sofiya Qureshi, is a Muslim, the other, Wing Commander Vyomika Singh, a Hindu. Here was GOI's answer to Pahalgam terrorists who murdered only Hindus and thought they were sowing seeds of social strife — Muslims and Hindus fight together for India.

Col Qureshi, from Vadodara, is a third-generation Army officer from her family. A decorated officer, her postings include six years in UN peacekeeping ops. Wing Commander Singh, also a decorated officer, is from Lucknow. She's a helicopter pilot in IAF, the first in her family in the armed forces. She's flown in tough terrains in the Northeast and J&K. Together, the two women sent a message Pakistan has no answer to.



Hit-and-run cases in city a growing concern | 8

TEMP ON WEDNESDAY
36.5° MAXIMUM | **24.8°** MINIMUM
FORECAST Partly cloudy sky. Max and min temperatures on Thursday would be around 37°C and 23°C
MOONSET 3.30AM (FRI) MOONRISE 3.22PM (THU)
SUNSET 7.01PM (THU) SUNRISE 5.35AM (FRI)



Govt to set up communication camps along Yamuna | 6



Light rain, thunderstorm likely for next two days | 8

Delhi Knows The Drill! Ready, If Needed

Op Abhyas Puts City's Emergency Response To Test

Atul Mathur & Vibha Sharma | TNN

New Delhi: Operation Abhyas, a mega civil defence drill, was conducted at 55 locations in the capital on Wednesday, simulating various scenarios such as air raids, fires and rescue operations, among others. As sirens blared, personnel from disaster management, police, fire and health, rushed people to safer places and administered medical aid to the injured. At most places, the drill started at 4pm and concluded within an hour. As part of the drill, the New Delhi Municipal Council implemented a complete power blackout for 15 minutes from 4pm, while power was also cut for a few minutes in areas around the 55 locations where the drill was conducted.

The drill was conducted at schools, colleges, hospitals, Delhi Metro stations, govt installations, shopping malls, residential pockets and commercial areas that see heavy footfall.



SWITCHED OFF TO STAY SWITCHED ON: Electricity was cut in markets and malls during blackout rehearsals as seen in this scene from Connaught Place even as security was tightened across the capital on Wednesday

fall. Some of these included Terminal 3 of the Indira Gandhi International Airport, Rohini Sector 18-19 metro station, Select City Walk mall in Saket, Fortis Hospital in Shalimar Bagh, MCD Civic Centre, Wazirabad water treatment plant, Chandni Chowk market, NDMC office on Sansad Marg,

Central Market Lajpat Nagar, DLF Capital Greens housing society at Moti Nagar and the Saket district courts complex. According to govt officials, over 12,000 personnel from the Civil Defence, police, fire service and health department along with NCC cadets participated in the drill. Earlier, 660

schools conducted security drills and awareness programmes to prepare students for emergency situations. Officials said the training of school students was a crucial component of the exercise and would be replicated in other schools in the coming weeks.

"Kids have no knowledge of

an air strike or a blackout. We imparted knowledge about these and the basic protocol that needs to be followed in such scenarios," said an official. "Awareness generation and training of people, which we call capacity building, has to be widespread."

Awareness videos prepared by the National Disaster Mana-

gement Authority and DDMA on what needs to be done during a blackout and air raids were uploaded on social media, which, officials claimed, were watched by lakhs of people. Another official said that 1,800 Aapda Mitras, who are trained in disaster management, helped in the drill on Wednesday.

"We will now conduct advanced training for the Aapda Mitras for hostile attacks and upgrade their skills in the next few days so they can act as frontline warriors in such situations," said the official. "To make our volunteers better equipped, there will be a focus on procuring specialised si-

rents that will be centrally controlled, and other gear, apart from the formation of advanced quick response teams."

NDMC said in a statement that a complete power blackout lasting 15 minutes was implemented in area under its purview at 8pm. Even streetlights were doused. Only Rashtrapati Bhawan, Prime Minister's House and four hospitals were exempted. "Since the metro runs underground in the area, we decided not to bring it in under the purview of the blackout," said an official.

Officials said notifications were sent to all consumers two hours prior to the blackout. "They were requested to cooperate and make arrangements for an emergency situation. We are thankful to the RWAs and market associations who circulated the message among the masses and made the drill successful," said an official.

Connaught Place, Khan Market, Sarojini Nagar and Bengaluru Market took extra initiatives, asking shopkeepers to switch off emergency lights even as many shops chose to close down shutters before 8pm. "The street hawkers too decided not to light their battery lights," claimed the official.



T3 simulates scare, comes out with flying colours

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New Delhi: Outside the arrivals concourse at Indira Gandhi International Airport's Terminal 3 on Wednesday evening, the hot and humid atmosphere echoing with the sound of rolling suitcases, passenger chatter and vehicle revving was interrupted by a piercing and loud siren. As the people stood gaping in confusion, trained personnel took charge. Assuming that the T3 Arrivals had been the target of an airstrike by enemy aircraft, the personnel focused on evacuating the terminal and responding to emergency needs.

Passengers, airport staff, employees of the eateries, crew members of airlines, and others at the airport were guided to the ramp leading to the basement. People huddled in the basement as they took shelter from the 'airstrike'.

An official involved in the war drill said, "Since the scenario was of an airstrike, the first step was to evacuate the building and ensure that people took shelter in a safe place. After we received the clear signal from headquarters—a siren in short bursts—we told the huddled people that it was now safe for them to leave the basement."

As people returned to the gates of T3 Arrivals, there was almost a sigh of relief as if lives had actually been saved. "It was assumed that a building collapsed during the airstrike while another building caught fire," disclosed another official who participated in the drill.

As the drill played out, the air again reverberated with the long persistent sound of sirens from emergency vehicles that arrived there. Ambulances



As the drill played out at IGI Airport, the air was filled with the persistent wail of sirens from arriving emergency vehicles. Medics carrying stretchers and first-aid kits rushed to the scene. Delhi Police, CISF, NDRF, GMR, Civil Defence, among others, participated in the exercise

with their claxons blaring arrived at the scene from nearby hospitals as did CATS ambulances of Delhi govt. Medics, carrying stretchers and first-aid kits, immediately reached the spot. Si-

multaneously, fire tenders from both Delhi Fire Service and the airport fire department, also with their sirens screaming, joined the operation. Besides, other security and disaster te-

ams equipped with oxygen cylinders and dressed in PPE kits became part of the emergency response team.

The teams gave first aid to those who sustained minor

injuries on the spot and took those who sustained severe injuries on stretchers to hospitals via ambulances. A security personnel even carried a man on his shoulder as

the individual was assumed to have been stuck in a building during the emergency. While firefighters doused the fire, other rescue teams assisted in the emergency response measures.

A member of the medical team said, "We were informed about the drill earlier during the day. However, around 4pm, we received a call on our official number that some casualties had been reported from T3. We immediately reached the spot and joined the rescue operation." The official added that depending on the nature of the injuries, they gave first aid or hospitalised the affected people, around 13 in total.

A firefighter with the Airport Rescue and Fire Force, who wished not to be named, said after receiving an alarm, they reached the spot in three minutes.

After the drill was officially announced to be "over", directions were given for the "patients" to return. Some passengers at the airport, who were not part of the drill, stood at one side of the premises, taking pictures and recording videos of the elaborate war drill.

Prateek Raj Yadav, sub-divisional magistrate, Vasant Vihar, who was the incident commander of the drill, said several agencies, including Delhi Police, CISF, NDRF, GMR and Civil Defence, took part in the exercise. "The drill was undertaken to create awareness among people about the siren and safe house where they can take shelter," said Yadav. "It was also conducted to find out if there are lapses in coordination among the various agencies. Today was the first exercise. Though we did not find any problem with coordination, we will analyse the drill with all agencies to improve our response."

4 int'l, 131 domestic flights cancelled at IGI, 300 delayed

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Hindon IAF base among 20 airports closed for commercial flights

Commercial flights have been suspended at IAF's Hindon airbase in Ghaziabad till Saturday morning as of now. Hindon is among the 20 airports in north and western India that have been closed for civilian flights till Saturday morning. Air India Express and Star Air operate about 14 domestic flights daily to and from Hindon. Al Express said on X, "We are offering a full refund or free rescheduling for our flights to and from Amritsar, Gwalior, Jammu, Srinagar and Hindon until 5.29am on May 10." Air India Express operates about 40 weekly flights from Hindon Airport to destinations like Bengaluru, Chennai, Goa, Jammu and Kolkata. Star Air flies to places like Belgaum, Adampur and Pune, according to its website. TNN

IndiGo stated that following the closures of certain airports, it was cancelling all flights to and from Srinagar, Jammu, Amritsar, Leh, Chandigarh, Dharamshala, Bikaner, Jodhpur, Gwalior, Kishangarh and Rajkot till 5.29am on May 10. "We are closely monitoring the situation, and further schedule adjustments across other sectors may follow."

Air India has also cancelled flights to and from Jammu, Srinagar, Leh, Jodhpur, Amritsar, Bhuj, Jamnagar, Chandigarh and Rajkot till 5.29am on Saturday.

Class act under fire: Schoolchildren rehearse for the unthinkable

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New Delhi: The school bell had barely rung when an eerie siren pierced the morning calm. In one corner of the classroom, a four-year-old darted toward the window to draw the curtains. Another tiny hand reached up to flick off the lights. Moments later, students across grades dropped to the ground and took cover under desks—rehearsing how to survive if the unthinkable happens.

On Wednesday, schools across Delhi conducted security drills and awareness programmes to prepare students for emergency situations, as the country braced for possible retaliation following India's early morning airstrike on terror infrastructure in Pakistan. The drills, part of a city-wide civil preparedness initiative, were conducted on govt orders and aimed to familiarise children with how to act during crises like bombings, air raids or intrusions.

"Drop, cover, and hold on"—three key elements of safety procedures—became the morning mantra across cam-

puses. The drills began in schools and were later conducted in malls, markets and residential societies.

At DPS Vasant Kunj, students were guided through evacuation routes and taught how to respond to different emergencies. A fire extinguisher truck was brought in to give a live demonstration, adding a practical touch to the theoretical training. "The idea was to prepare without panic," principal Deepti Vohra said, adding that students had previously participated in earthquake and fire drills, but the context this time was different.

Indeed, while drills are not new to many Delhi schools, this week's exercise came amid heightened alert. The recent hoax bomb threats in city schools had already created a sense of urgency around preparedness. "Children are used to fire drills, but this was the first time they carried their bags on their heads while running down the staircase in response to an air raid siren," said a senior school staffer.

At Amity International School, Saket, and many others, the youngest students stood

out. As the war siren blared, nursery children sprang into action—turning off lights, pulling curtains and hiding under desks. "What will you need at home if there's an emergency?" a teacher asked. "Medicines, food and water," the children responded in unison.

The scene was similar at ITL Public School in Dwarka Sector 9. Teachers led students through a step-by-step drill, checking classrooms and ensuring no child was left behind. "As loud as the siren was, the children responded with surprising calm," said principal Sudha Acharya. "They have been sensitised, and it showed."

At Tagore International School, Vasant Vihar, the air raid drill began at exactly 10.02am. Students followed verbal and video instructions—switching off lights, closing windows, drawing curtains, and ducking under tables. Quick response teams formed within the school swung into action. Senior leadership supervised the floors and ground, and the all-clear signal was given after a few minutes, allowing students to return to routine.

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Cabinet Gives Nod To Cloud Seeding Trials

FIGHT AGAINST POLLUTION: First Of Five Exercises Likely By June, Each To Cost ₹55 Lakh

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total project outlay stands at nearly 3.2 crore," he added.

Cloud seeding, or artificial rain, is a weather-modification technique that introduces substances into the air to aggregate and condense moisture particles into rain. It helps the environment by potentially increasing precipitation, mitigating droughts and improving air quality.

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The first trial is scheduled for the end of May or June, depending on permissions, which will cover 100 sq kilometres, targeting the outskirts of Delhi. "There will be five trials conducted. After the initial test, comprehensi-

ve scientific evaluations will be conducted to assess the effectiveness and environmental impact of the cloud-seeding operations," Sirsa said.

Sirsa said that govt would obtain necessary no-objection certificates from 13 key departments concerned. "This initiative complements our ongoing efforts, including AI-based monitoring and 24x7 surveillance at pollution hotspots."

The environment minister said that the previous govt only talked about artificial rain but was never able to execute it because "it had no intentions

of giving respite to the people". "However, BJP govt is committed to ensuring that Delhites get cleaner air in winter. Delhi experiences periods of severe air pollution, particularly during winter months when weather conditions trap pollutants. These spells are often characterised by high levels of PM2.5 and other pollutants, causing significant health risks," he added.

The effectiveness of cloud seeding in improving air quality remains a point of debate among scientists. Some studies suggest that cloud seeding

can modestly increase rainfall, but the impact on air pollution is less clear. While it may help temporarily reduce particulate matter in the air, it does not address the root causes of pollution, such as industrial emissions, vehicle exhaust, and construction dust.

Experts caution that cloud seeding should not be viewed as a permanent solution to Delhi's air quality issues. The technique is not universally effective and depends on certain atmospheric conditions, such as the presence of clouds with sufficient moisture.

**Justice served,
says CM Rekha
on Op Sindoor**

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Chief minister Rekha Gupta on Wednesday said women who had lost their husbands in the Pahalgam terror attack got justice following India's missile strikes on terrorists' camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir.

"I salute the Indian armed forces and Prime Minister Narendra Modi as their decision and decisive power honoured 140 crore Indians," Gupta said. The council of ministers, chaired by CM, passed a resolution, stating, "The council of ministers, GNCT of Delhi, expresses its heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for leadership and support to the Indian armed forces in executing Operation Sindoor."

Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva congratulated the armed forces, Govt of India and PM Modi. For the past two weeks, 140 crore Indians eagerly awaited a military response to terrorism sponsored by Pakistan, Sachdeva said, adding, "Today, under the successful leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India's brave soldiers fulfilled that expectation."

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LOOKING TO AVOID A REPEAT

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In Loving Remembrance



Shri Hansraj Shiv

(29.04.1939 - 08.05.2017)

Your legacy, wisdom continues to inspire us & your love remains etched in our hearts. On this anniversary, we celebrate the beautiful life you lived and the enduring impact you've had on us."

~~ Fondly Remembered by ~~

Neerav Hans - Ramika Hans (Son & Daughter-in-Law)

Siddharth Hans - Neha Hans (Son & Daughter-in-Law)

Renu Hans & Shilpa Hans (Daughters)

Grandchildren:

Hireena, Jaidnya, Rania, Shantanu, Faria

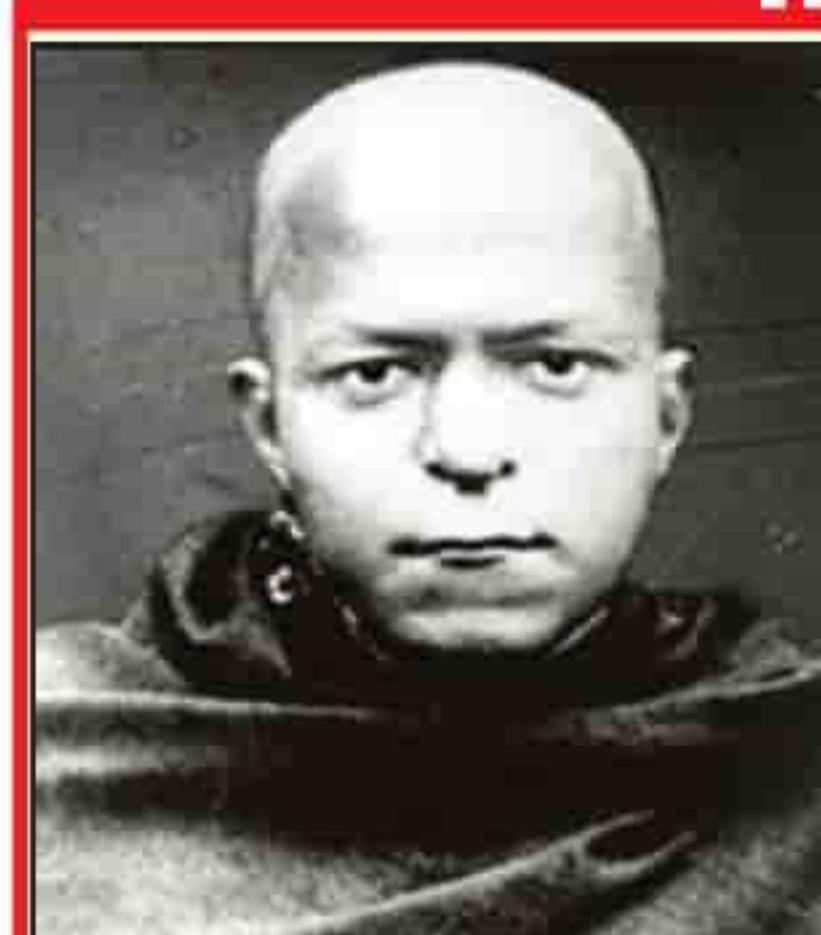
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**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MASTER AMIR CHAND JI**

Revolutionary Man for Indian Struggle of Independence



(1869 - 1915)



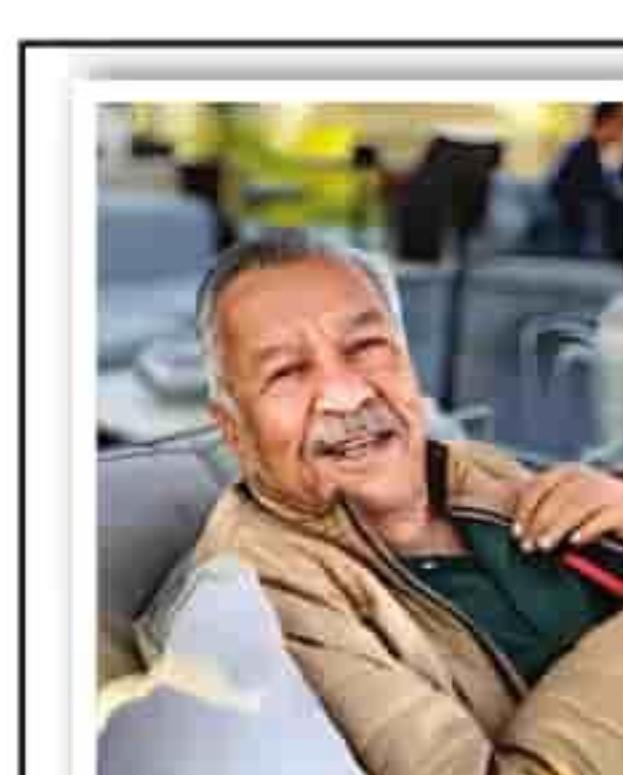
to know more

Master Amir Chand ji was born in Delhi in the year 1869. His father Shri Hukum Chand was a school teacher. Amir Chand ji was a great patriot who took active part in social reforms and educational activities, such as widow remarriage, education for woman etc. He was a prominent worker in swadeshi movement. Later Master Amir Chand Ji had an opportunity to meet Lala Har Dayal who inspired him to participate in freedom movement. He worked with Ras Bihari Bose and played a major role in directing revolutionary activities in North India. He was arrested in February 1914 on the charge of conspiracy to kill Lord Hardinge, the Viceroy of India. Sentenced to death on October 5, 1914 along with his three compatriots Avadh Bihari, Bal Mokand and Basant Kumar Biswas. Died on the gallows on May 8, 1915 in the Delhi Central Jail. His son Lala Sultan Chand (1896-1975) and grandson Shyamal Gupta (1912-1989) - Padmashri & member of Parliament, were the doyen of Indian Publishing Industry namely :- Sultan Chand & Sons Pvt. Ltd. and S.Chand & Company Ltd.

Being a fountain-head of knowledge & source of Inspiration, Master Amir Chand Ji has left behind rich harvest of everlasting memories.

You are forever in our thoughts & prayers

Family Members of Late Shri Shyam Lal Gupta



A beloved Husband, loving Father and
fabulous Grandfather
Inderjit Singh Bath (Kido)

17.01.1938 - 04.2025

We shall miss you dearly... Pops

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Lodhi Electric Crematorium
4:30pm, 9th May, 2025

Antim Ardas
Vasant Vihar Gurdwara

4:30pm, 11th May, 2025

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Shalini Bath, Tom & Aishwarya Preising

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Heartfelt tribute on 74th birth anniversary

Shrimati Sushma Rani Talwar

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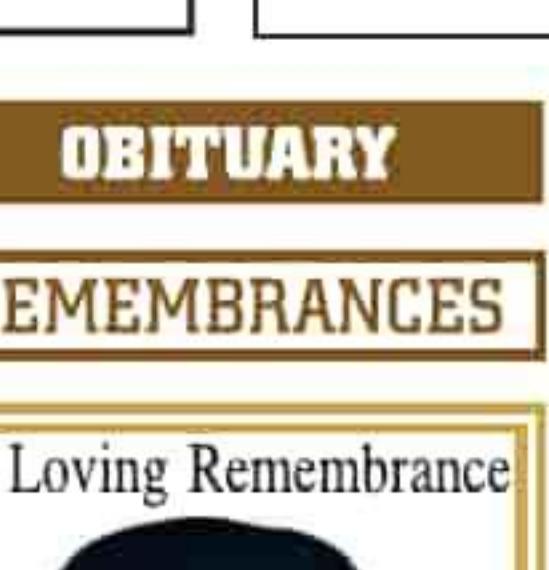
Your everlasting fragrance of love and
cheerful presence will dwell in our hearts forever.

We miss you every moment.

In loving remembrance

S K Talwar, Vishal Talwar, Amit Talwar,
Anubhuti Prakash, Namya Talwar,

Family and Friends



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8th May 2023

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You left us and this

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yesterday. You & Mother

are missed beyond

measure and we are at

loss of words to explain

the emptiness in the

family and the extended

families on losing you

after losing mother.

Your unparalleled sacrifice

for the whole family &

the giant self-less service

for the society will never

fade out from the

memories. May you

remain at peace in the

special abode of God.

Fondly Remembered & Deeply Missed By

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Pawan Babbar, Mridul Babbar,

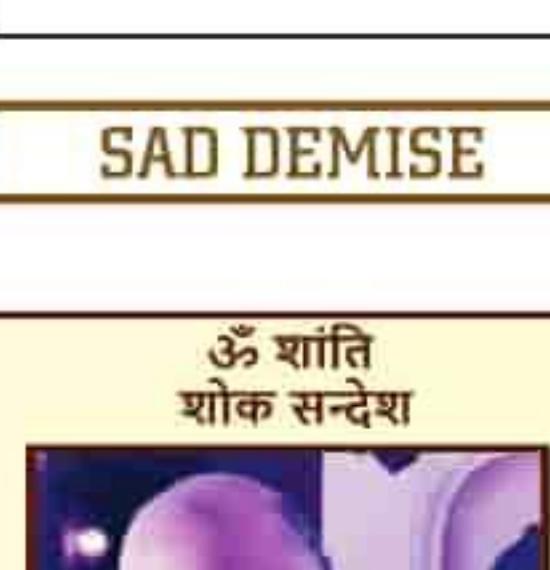
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Sushma, Dr. Sandeep & Divya.

All Other Members of the

Babbar Family & Extended Families



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In 2 e-rick accidents,
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she picked up her children from school and boarded an e-rickshaw outside a bank. Despite her repeated requests to slow down, the driver continued to drive recklessly. As they reached Sewadham Road, he suddenly swerved, causing the e-rickshaw to overturn.

Everyone fell onto the road, and the girl's neck got trapped under the vehicle. She sustained critical injuries, with blood coming from her nose, mouth, and head. The mother alleged that the driver ignored multiple warnings to slow down. Local bystanders apprehended the driver and handed him over to police.



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HC questions use of UAPA in Parliament breach case

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi High Court on Wednesday questioned police about why the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) was invoked against two individuals accused of a security breach of Parliament in 2023.

"Nobody can even play a prank or do something like...in the Parliament building, which is, of course, the pride of the country. Nobody is saying anything about that. But the question is whether an offence under UAPA, which has stricter bail considerations, is made out? There can be other Acts under which you can proceed. The issue is whether an offence under UAPA is made out," a bench of Justices Arunamoni Prasad and Harish Vaidyanathan Shankar said while hearing the bail petitions of Neelam Azad and Mahesh Kumawat, who were arrested in the case.

The court also asked police to explain if carrying or using a smoke canister, inside and outside Parliament, attracted UAPA and if it fell under the definition of terrorist activities. "Otherwise, their liberty should not be curtailed, and you (police) can continue with the trial, and they can be let out on bail. They are only on the application for bail," the bench pointed out.

Additional Solicitor General Chetan Sharma, representing Delhi Police, referred to the incident on Dec 13, also the date of the 2001 Parliament attack, and argued it was a pre-meditated act and the authorities were taking it "very seriously". Since the place of the incident was Parliament, Sharma said, even a small act would be viewed with a magnitude of a different variety.

The bench asked him to support his statement with a case law or any other material and posted the bail pleas for hearing on May 19.

Govt: No plans to relocate markets from Walled City

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New Delhi: At a meeting held with traders from Chandni Chowk and Sadar Bazar on Tuesday, Delhi govt told them that there were no plans to relocate the local markets from Old Delhi. Chief minister Rekha Gupta led the meeting at Delhi Secretariat, which was also attended by MP Praveen Khandelwal and industries minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa.

Following discussions with the traders, instructions were given to establish an 11-member committee to develop a strategy for improving infrastructure services in the Chandni Chowk and Sadar Bazar areas. Additionally, a decision was taken to set up a Delhi traders' body to address trader-related concerns throughout the city.

Sirsa said that the committee would include officials and traders as representatives. "They will work on the existing infra condition and plan measures that can be taken depending on requirements, such as revamping stormwater drains, sewer lines, widening of roads and toilet facilities

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nes, widening of roads (based on availability of space), toilet facilities, and solving the issue of hanging wires. We will work on these issues area-wise as per the CM's directions. In the meeting, it was clarified that there is no plan for shifting of markets," he added.

The minister further said that the traders' body would work for the benefit of businessmen in several ways. "As of now, there is no legal platform through which traders can raise their voice. Besides helping them in this direction, we will extend various benefits to traders through

this board. For example, for small traders, we may start insurance services wherein they will need to submit a minimal amount every year; and in lieu of that, they will get financial help during difficult times or death," he explained.

Work is also in progress on the formulation of a warehouse policy, and Delhi govt is busy considering various points that can be added to the policy to extend help to all the needy people in Delhi.

Rakesh Yadav, president of Federation of Sadar Bazar Traders' Association, said that the meeting with the chief minister came as a breather for the traders who were apprehensive in the wake of some reports about the "govt plan to shift the market" doing the rounds. "In the meeting, we were informed that the formation of the trade board is a priority for govt to make Delhi renowned as the economic capital of India. Govt will keep a close watch on parking, street traffic, law and order, road potholes, underground wiring, and all related issues in the market, which is another welcoming move," he added.

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In revenge attack, minor shot at by 2 in Geeta Colony

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A 17-year-old boy was shot at in east Delhi's Geeta Colony by two men seeking revenge for the murder of their friends, police said. The boy, who sustained severe injuries, is currently undergoing treatment. According to police, the attackers blamed the boy for the deaths of two brothers in Sept 2024.

"The boy had visited his aunt in Rani Garden around 8:30 pm. At around 9:15 pm, while returning, he was shot at—once on the left side of his head and again in the upper abdomen. His friend rushed him to the hospital," police said.

Two suspects were later apprehended, and a country-made pistol was recovered. DCP (Shahdara) Prashant Gautam said the attackers were friends of the two brothers, who were allegedly killed by the boy last year over a property dispute.

Sharing details, police said, the murder took place on Sept 14, 2024, around 6:41 pm, when police received a report about a man who had been shot and later declared dead at the hospital. His elder sister, alerted by local children, found him bleeding in the street and rushed him to the hospital. At the crime scene in Rani Garden, police recovered bullet casings and discovered the victim's elder brother unconscious with a gunshot wound inside a locked house. A juvenile suspect was later apprehended.

During inquiry, the juvenile told police then that his family had rented two floors of the property from the victims' father, paying Rs 4 lakh as security deposit. According to a written agreement, the family could reside there rent-free until the money was repaid. However, the two brothers later began pressuring them to vacate the property, which allegedly led the boy to commit the murders, police said.

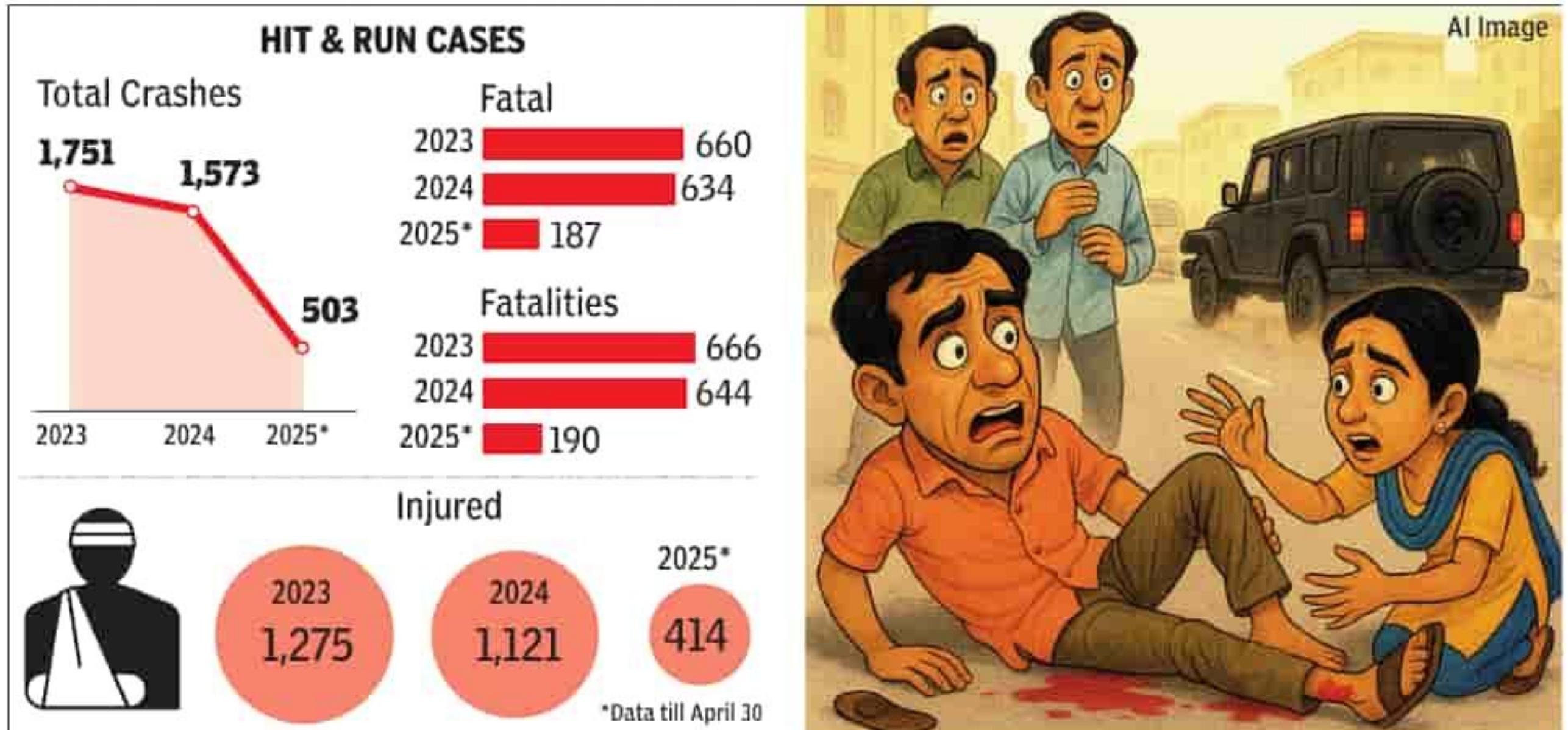
AUT said in its application. AAP was in power in Delhi from 2015 to 2023. AVUT said it had written to the CJI in May 2021 for construction of a trauma centre in Dwarka at a time when the country and the national capital were waging a grim battle against Covid. "If the trauma centre had been set up, it could have saved many lives," it said.

The bench sought the Delhi govt's response to the application which also wants SC to monitor the construction of the trauma centre.

Hit, Run, Repeat: 200 Lives Lost In 4 Mths

Pedestrians, 2-Wheeler Riders Most At Risk

Over 600 Dead In Hit-and-Run Cases For Two Years In A Row



Police initiatives

► Awareness programmes to promote safer driving habits

► Regular enforcement actions against traffic rule violators

Factors contributing to vulnerability

Pedestrians: Jaywalking, distraction

Two-wheeler riders: 270 fatalities in 2023; 288 in 2024; 88 in 2025

Causes

► Speeding

► Drunk driving

► Mobile phone use while driving

► Fear of getting caught or beaten up

Vulnerable groups

Pedestrians: 343 killed in 2023; 309 in 2024; 92 in 2025

Two-wheeler riders: 270 fatalities in 2023; 288 in 2024; 88 in 2025

Police initiatives

► Awareness programmes to promote safer driving habits

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What experts suggest

► Increase awareness about legal consequences of hit-and-run cases

► Use forensic analysis to solve such cases

► Hold awareness campaigns to report incidents and take photos of offending vehicles

► Improve infrastructure, including pedestrian pathways and dedicated lanes for two-wheelers

Past cases

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Coca-Cola was sold for the first time on this day in 1886 by pharmacist John Pemberton, launching a global empire

Drone found near Assam-B'desh border area

A foreign-origin drone appeared atop a house in Kuripatti in Assam's Sribumi district, around 100 metres from the border with Bangladesh, on Tuesday night, causing security concerns among the locals and prompting Assam Police to seize the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), reports B.B. Goswami. "We are treating the matter seriously. A forensic examination of the drone is underway to trace its flight path, origin, and purpose," a senior police officer said, indicating that the drone entered from Bangladesh. Security officials are investigating potential connections to espionage or contraband activities. "We're not ruling out surveillance attempts or even dry runs for larger operations," a Border Security Force source said. The border force has stepped up the monitoring and electronic surveillance along the 92-km international border stretch in Sribumi district.

STATO STICS A slice of life in numbers

Jewellery Accounts For Only 40% Of Global Gold Demand

In 2024, the global demand for gold amounted to nearly 5,000 tonnes, of which only 40% was used for making jewellery. Investments in gold bars and coins, including gold-backed exchange-traded funds, accounted for 24%



New Delhi: Observing that the anti-money laundering law puts a negative burden on the accused to prove his innocence, Supreme Court Wednesday ruled that an accused is entitled to get a list of all documents and material collected by Enforcement Directorate (ED) during investigation, even those which are not relied upon by the agency while filing the complaint.

Furnishing of such documents can be helpful to an accused in defending his case and proving his innocence as those documents may contain exculpatory evidence in favour of an accused due to which the agency might not have relied upon it.

Holding that it is the fundamental right of an accused to have fair trial, a bench of Justices Abhay S Oka, Ahsanuddin Amanullah and A G Masih set aside Delhi HC order that only those documents relied upon by the agency should be handed over to an accused.

The bench held that the accused must also know about documents not relied upon by the agency, so that



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he could apply for their production and courts should be liberal in allowing them, and should deny only in exceptional circumstances.

"It is held that a copy of the list of statements, documents, material objects and exhibits that are not relied upon by the investigating officer must also be furnished to the accused. The object is to ensure that the accused has knowledge of the documents, objects, etc, in the custody of the investigating officer, which are not relied upon by them, so that at the appropriate stage, accused can apply by invoking Section 91 CrPC for providing copies of the documents which are not

relied upon," Justice Oka said while reading out the operative part of the order.

The court said the right to have a fair trial includes the right of the accused to defend which consists of the right to lead defence evidence by producing documents and examining witnesses. "Therefore, the accused is entitled to exercise the right at the stage of entering defence by compelling the prosecution or a third party to produce a document or thing in their possession or custody. The court can decline the request of the accused for issuing process for the production of documents only on the limited ground

under Section 233(3) CrPC (on ground that it is made for the purpose of vexation or delay or for defeating the ends of justice)," it held.

It said Section 232(3) of CrPC, which deals with the accused's right to apply for the issue of processes for compelling attendance of witnesses or production of documents or things, be liberally construed by courts in favour of the accused. "Therefore, if the special court refuses the prayer made by the accused in terms of Section 233(3) CrPC for compelling the attendance of any witness or for production of documents in possession of any party, the accused will not be in a position to discharge the onerous burden on him under Section 24 of the PMLA (which puts burden on accused to prove innocence). Hence, the valuable right of the accused under Section 233 CrPC needs to be protected," it said.

In this case, HC had said the court cannot, at the pre-charge stage, direct prosecution to furnish copies of documents other than that which it proposes to rely upon or which have already been sent to the court during investigation.

Cancer survivor tops C'garh Class X boards with 99.2%

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Ishika Bali, seen here with her father, recently recovered from blood cancer and studied for her exams despite the rigours of treatment. Her achievement is a beacon of hope for the district where female literacy rate is barely 59.6%

her fight through weakness and pain every time she felt the life-threatening illness trying to put her down.

Ishika's father said he was proud of his daughter, and her inspiring fightback has left everyone who has seen her battle in awe of her.

In a remarkable coincidence, the Class XII topper, Akhil Sen, is also from Kanker. He scored 98.2% marks (491/500 in commerce). His father runs a newspaper agency, and he too would distribute papers every morning while preparing for his board exams.

Eight of the 85 students who made it to top 10 list are from Bastar division, which has been battling Maoist insurgency for the past 25 years.

Chhattisgarh CM Vishnu Deo Sai, who announced the board exam results, extended his wishes to all successful candidates, their families, and teachers. "To those who couldn't succeed this time, don't lose heart. Failure is often the first step toward success. Prepare for the next attempt with even greater resolve," the CM added.

The ministry of culture in a statement said that in collaboration with the Archaeological Survey of India and the ministry of external affairs, it will now engage all stakeholders to advance discussions on the repatriation of the relics to India.

After India's intervention, Sotheby's puts off relics auction

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Patiala:

Five schoolchildren

were among six killed in a head-on collision between an SUV and a sand-laden truck on Patiala-Samana road near Nassupur village in Punjab's Patiala district Wednesday afternoon. Seven others were injured in the accident. The truck driver, Bhupinder Singh, has been arrested.

The SUV was carrying the students—aged between seven and 12—to Samana from their school in Patiala's Sular Road when it collided with the truck. The impact pushed the SUV off the road, and it crashed into a tree.

The vehicle's front portion was mangled beyond recognition and rescuers had to use a JCB to retrieve the bodies of the deceased children.

The victims were identified as Bhavyan Sachdeva (8) and his elder sister Bhivanshi Sachdeva (11), Aradhya Lumba (10) and Parv Sachdeva (12).



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all from Samana. Another 10-year-old girl student, Sehjal Bansal, succumbed at a Patiala hospital. The deceased SUV driver was Balwinder Singh from Fatehpur village.

Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann condoled the tragedy. He said the injured children were under treatment in various hospitals in Patiala. CM Mann said he was in touch with the district administration and had directed them to ensure the best medical facilities for all the injured.

Stay out of BBMB daily affairs, HC tells Punjab

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by BBMB and others to remove Punjab police deployed at Bhakra Nangal Dam and Lohtah control room water regulation offices.

"Punjab Police are always free to provide adequate security to BBMB and its personnel but cannot interfere in the day-to-day functioning of BBMB," the court said.

The court directed Punjab to abide by the decision of the May 2 meeting, under the chairmanship of the Union home secretary, in which it was decided that BBMB will release 4,500 cusecs of extra water to Haryana for the next eight days to meet its urgent water requirement.

A division bench of chief justice Shekhar and Justice Sumeet Goel passed the order on three petitions filed



An Indian delegation met Sotheby's representatives and said the relics belonged to India, from where they were taken during the colonial era

1,000+ mules on Kedarnath route hit by 'flu', quarantined

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Dehradun: Over 1,000 mules and horses have been quarantined and equine services on Kedarnath yatra route remain suspended for the third day following a flu-like outbreak. The suspension was extended after 15 equines died & symptoms of equine influenza – fever, cough, and nasal discharge – were detected, raising concerns about the disease's spread.

Officials from animal husbandry department isolated the infected animals. Of the 5,800 equines registered for the pilgrimage, 15 have died since the yatra began last week, mainly due to colic and diarrhoea. Around 18 animals tested RTPCR positive for equine influenza, triggering large-scale screening. Nearly 2,000 animals have been screened in the past two days, with 700 under treatment.

The infected equines have been removed from service and will be retested after 14 days. Vets confirmed equine influenza is highly contagious but typically not fatal. Animals have been quarantined at current locations, with some handlers taking them back due to tough terrain. Screening and treatment are ongoing in Gaurikund, Sonprayag, and Ramban. Caretakers are also being trained in proper health practices.

A team from the National Research Centre on Equines, Haryana, has visited Kedarnath, and experts from GB Pant University are expected to assess symptoms like swollen stomachs. Officials noted the animals are recovering with adequate rest.

The Rudraprayag administration has warned against overcharging pilgrims and cautioned against home remedies. Animal husbandry minister Sourabh Bahuguna is expected to review the situation on Thursday.

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26% dip in first week's Char Dham footfall compared to 2024

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Officials attributed the dip to 'improved planning and staggered registration', which has helped streamline the pilgrim flow

ing during the initial days, the govt opened online registration 40 days before the yatra began, while offline

registration started just a few days before the annual pilgrimage commenced.

State tourism minister

Satpal Maharaj said that following last year's experience, online registration was launched on March 20, well ahead of the start date. Further, Aadhaar verification was made mandatory and documents were "thoroughly checked before pilgrims were allowed to proceed." "We opened more offline booking counters and as a result of proper planning, we were able to prevent overcrowding," said the minister.

Commenting on the drop in numbers, Aloo Nautilya, founder of think-tank, SDC

Foundation, said, "The decline can be largely attributed to the staggered opening schedule this year. In 2024, Kedarnath, Yamunotri, and Gangotri opened on May 10, while Badrinath opened on May 12. In contrast, this year, Kedarnath opened on May 2, after the portals of Yamunotri and Gangotri opened on April 30, followed by Badrinath on May 4. This has contributed to a slower and more scattered build-up of pilgrim momentum."

He added that despite the slow start, the yatra is expected to peak in the lat-

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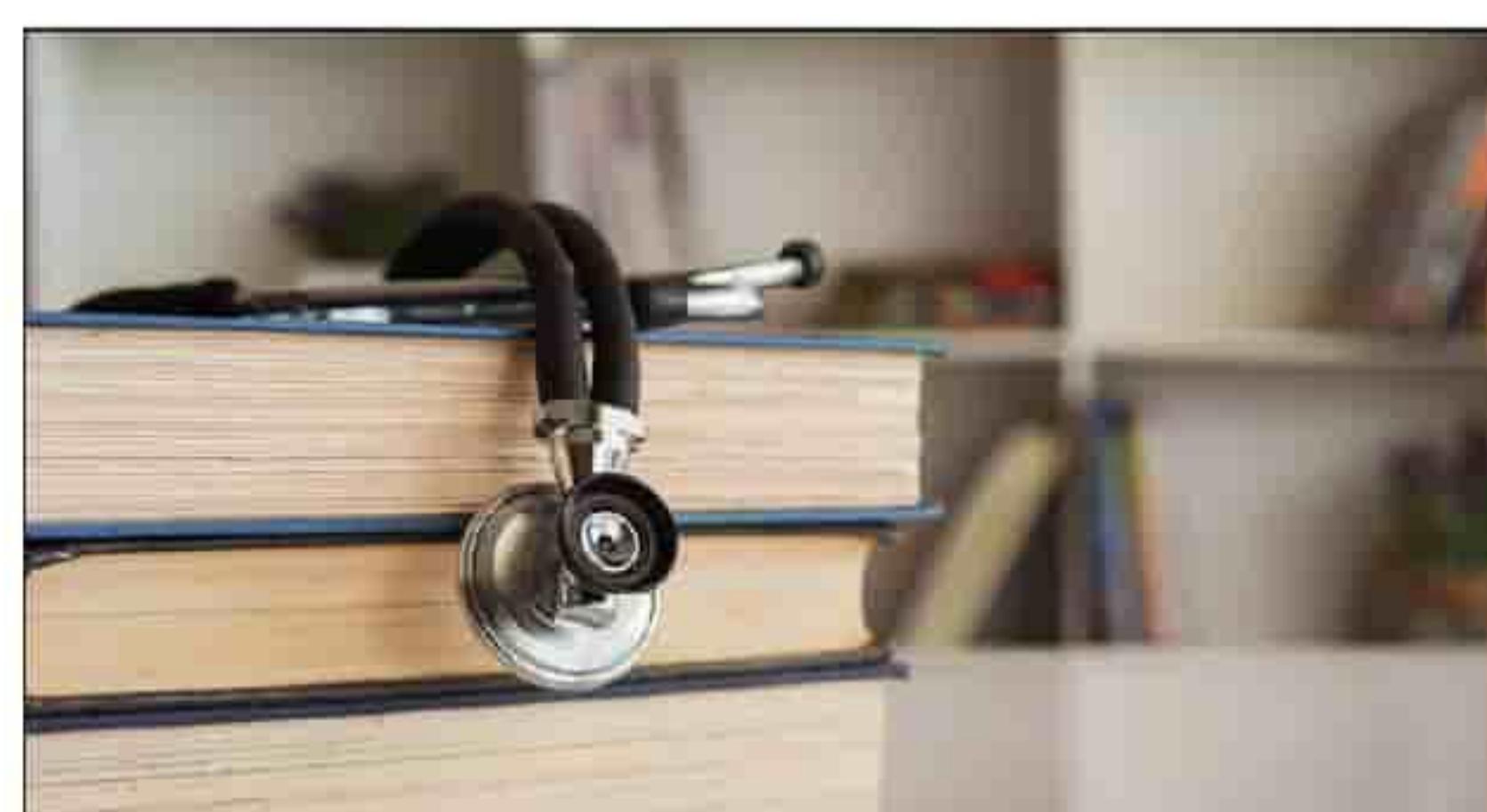
Physiotherapy handbook uses 'derogatory' terms: Docs' body

Such Words Are Deeply Troubling & Legally Indefensible, It Says

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Doctors With Disabilities, a network of health professionals with disabilities, has criticised the new curriculum handbook for physiotherapy for using outdated and derogatory terms for the disabled and for reducing disability to management and treatment. The letter to National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP) pointed out that restrictions on admission to physiotherapy courses for persons with disability are even more restrictive than those for MBBS, MD and MS.

The use of outdated, derogatory terms such as 'handicapped', 'retardation', and 'mentally subnormal' is deeply troubling and legally indefensible, stated the letter, adding that reliance is placed on the older 1995 Disabilities Act in a couple of places in the curriculum, though the



Doctors With Disabilities urged the commission to integrate disability rights-based competencies aligned with RPDA 2016 and WHO standards

older Act has been replaced by Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (RPDA), 2016.

The Bachelor of Physiotherapy curriculum fails to incorporate disability as a human rights issue and instead relies solely on the medical model, reducing disability to management and treatment, and omits core principles such as ableism, dignity, universal design and reasonable accommodation, stated the letter.

The admission guide-

lines deem those with more than 50% impairment of lower limbs, involvement of the non-dominant upper limb, more than 50% spinal involvement and more than 50% impairment due to dyslexia, blood disorders, or chronic neurological conditions as ineligible to do graduation in physiotherapy.

"The new curriculum reduces humanistic learning to optional "soft skills", ignoring global trends and Indian

initiatives that emphasise the centrality of humanities in health professions education.... The current reference materials are also outdated (e.g., citing a 2000 RCI publication over the 2022 WHO Global Report on Health Equity for Persons with Disabilities), which further distances the curriculum from present-day realities," pointed out the letter. It sought at least a 30-day window for public consultation, as is the norm, instead of just 15 days.

Doctors With Disabilities urged the commission to integrate disability rights-based competencies aligned with RPDA 2016 and WHO standards and to revoke discriminatory admission guidelines. The network offered to collaborate with the commission to make "essential revisions" that would help "future physiotherapists and allied health professionals deliver care that is compassionate, inclusive, and grounded in the values of justice and dignity".

₹11,828cr expansion of 5 IITs to add 6.5k seats gets nod

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The Union cabinet has approved the expansion of academic and infrastructure capacity of Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) in Andhra Pradesh's Tirupati, Chhattisgarh's Bhilai, J&K's Jammu, Karnataka's Dharwad and Kerala's Palakkad.

The expansion is aimed at facilitating education of more than 6,500 additional students in these institutions. Five new state-of-the-art research parks are also planned to enhance industry-academia collaboration.

The cabinet has cleared Phase-B construction for these IITs, with a total estimated cost of Rs 11,828.7 crore over four years — 2025-26 to 2028-29. The initiative will enable these institutions to nearly double their capacity from the current 7,111 students to 13,687 across undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral programmes.

The project is also expected to generate direct employment through recruitment of faculty, research staff and administrative personnel. Indirect employment is anticipated through construction activities and increased demand for local services, accommodation, and transport in and around the campus locations.

Woman's accidental death turns out murder, 2 held: Karukachal Police arrested two men on Wednesday for the murder of Kuthrappally native Neethu Krishnan (35) the previous day. What initially appeared as an accidental death turned out to be a murder, police said. TNN

6 of family dead: Six members of a family died while two were injured when the four-wheeler they were travelling in collided with a truck on Jhansi-Kanpur NH-27 in UP's Jalna district on Wednesday.



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India's space vision aims for global good, says PM

'Tech glitch' delays Shukla's mission

New Delhi: PM Modi Wednesday said "India's space journey is not about racing others, it is about reaching higher together, reports Surendra Singh. Together we share a common goal to explore space for the good of humanity".

Addressing Global Conference on Space Exploration via videocon, Modi urged for collective growth via space exploration. "India's space vision is grounded in ancient wisdom of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam', that is, world is one family.

We strive not just for our own growth, but to enrich global knowledge, address common challenges, and inspire future generations," he said.

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MobiKwik's Losses Multiply Sixfold In FY15

Two laptops on a dining table. Two founders with an unshakeable dream. In 2009, as smartphones were just beginning to make their way into the Indian market, Bipin Preet Singh and Upasana Taku dove headfirst into the unknown and started MobiKwik. Their vision? To make financial services accessible to every Indian. They left behind cushy jobs, poured in every rupee of their savings and built a multi-crore business. But by 2015, the dream seemed to be slipping. Losses soared, competition intensified and survival hung by a thread. Their mantra? Kick up a storm or die trying. So, when the demonetisation of 2016 upended the economy and forced digital payments into the mainstream, MobiKwik was quick to seize the opportunity. It expanded its merchant network and strengthened digital wallet services. Later, it diversified into lending and wealth management, backed by strategic investments that fueled its rise. In 2024, MobiKwik hit the stock market, and skeptics watched in shock as its stock nearly doubled on day one. From two people in an apartment in Dwarka to a fintech giant, MobiKwik had made it in the game it started.

MobiKwik IPO Skyrockets, Oversubscribed 120X On Its Closing Day

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A cat with a poor heart rate just got a pacemaker. The 7-year-old female, Pillu, underwent surgery to implant the pacemaker at a veterinary clinic in Pune on Monday. The cat's heart rate was down to 50-something beats per minute as against the normal of 160. Still in hospital, Pillu is recovering well.

Until two years back, it was routine for the agile feline to leap to the top of a cupboard at home, said Pillu's pet parent Ajay Hirulkar. But at one point, Pillu struggled to even clamber onto a chair.

Trouble began two years ago when the cat had gingivitis (infection of gums), and was diagnosed with myocarditis (heart inflammation), leading to DCM phenotype (thin heart muscles). But her heart rate was not badly affected then.



Her medical history shows she had some infection that could have triggered the myocarditis. Or, it could be due to a grain-free diet the cat was on. "These are likely contributory factors... But it's difficult to pinpoint reason for the DCM," said Dr Leila Fernandez, veterinary cardiologist.

Last Aug, her ECG showed alarming changes, although cardiac output was normal. Alarm bells started to ring in March when the heart rate dropped to 50-58. "The cat had 'third-degree AV block'. She

had gone very dull and lethargic, and refused to eat," said Dr Fernandez. "She had a complete heart block, a life-threatening condition due to the low heart rate."

Simply put, the cat's natural pacemaker failed to maintain a stable rhythm. The upper chamber of the heart was not electrically connected to the lower. "The chambers were beating independent of each other," said the vet.

The surgery was performed by Dr Phiroz Khambatta with two doctors for humans — cardiothoracic surgeon Dr Rajesh Kaushik and interventional cardiologist Dr Sonali Inamdar — at Raintree Veterinary Clinic & Rehabilitation Centre, Pune.

"The surgery was challenging... more because this cat has very thin ventricular walls," Dr Fernandez said, adding that administering anaesthesia for the procedure

For now, Pillu is on the road to recovery, her pet parent said, adding: "For me, she is not just a cat... she's like a child of our family."

Focus on Maha local body polls, symbol issue later: SC to UBT

New Delhi: Supreme Court on Wednesday asked the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena (UBT) faction to focus on the upcoming Maharashtra local body elections, after the party sought an urgent hearing of its plea related to the 'bow and arrow' election symbol.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for Sena (UBT), mentioned the matter for early hearing of the party's plea against the poll panel's decision to recognise the Eknath Shinde group as the official Shiv Sena (UBT), will be used by the Shinde faction in local body elections, and it will matter especially in rural areas.

As Justice Kant asked, since when local body elections were fought on party symbols, Sibal said it happens in Maharashtra, and the party symbol will have a great impact on voters' minds.

Sibal said EC decided to give the symbol to the Eknath Shinde faction solely on the test of legislative majority, which was contrary to the Constitution bench judgment of the apex court.

"Let the elections be held smoothly. You concentrate on that. In local bodies, mostly voters don't support a symbol," Justice Kant told Sibal.

The apex court said the matter can be heard by a vacation bench if Sibal makes a case and if it's very urgent.

On May 6, SC paved way for the local body polls in the state which were stalled for over five years due to a reservation issue. It ordered Maharashtra EC to notify it in four weeks.

On Feb 17, 2024, EC allotted the name 'Shiv Sena' and its poll symbol 'bow and arrow' to the group led by Shinde. ANI

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(for the attention of Equity Shareholders of the Company)

Sub.: Transfer of Equity Shares of the Company to Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority

This notice is published pursuant to the provisions of the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules, 2016, as amended ("the Rules").

The Rules, amongst other matters, contain provisions for transfer of all shares, in respect of which dividend has not been paid or claimed for seven consecutive years or more, in the name of the Investor Education and Protection Fund ("IEPF") Authority.

Adhering to the various requirements set out in the Rules, the Company has, so far, transferred to IEPF Authority, on respective due dates, all shares in respect of which dividend(s) for the financial year 2016-17 or before had remained unpaid or unclaimed for a period of seven consecutive years or more. The Company has, vide its letter dated May 7, 2025, communicated individually, the concerned shareholders whose shares are liable to be transferred to IEPF Authority during the financial year 2025-26 for taking appropriate action.

The Company has uploaded full details of such shareholders and shares due for transfer to IEPF Authority on its website at www.ril.com. Shareholders are requested to refer to the web-link <https://www.ril.com/investors/shares/dividend-shares> to verify the details of uncashed dividends and the shares liable to be transferred to IEPF Authority.

Shareholders may note that both the unclaimed dividend and the shares transferred to IEPF Authority including all benefits accruing on such shares, if any, can be claimed back by them from IEPF Authority after following the procedure prescribed under the Rules.

The concerned shareholders, holding shares in physical form and whose shares are liable to be transferred to IEPF Authority, may note that the Company would be issuing new share certificate(s) in lieu of the original share certificate(s) held by them for the purpose of dematerialisation and transfer of shares to IEPF Authority as per the Rules and upon such issue, the original certificate(s) which stands registered in their name will stand automatically cancelled and be deemed non-negotiable. The shareholders may further note that the details uploaded by the Company on its website shall be deemed to be adequate notice in respect of issue of new share certificate(s) by the Company for the purpose of transfer of shares to IEPF Authority pursuant to the Rules.

In case the Company does not receive any communication (claiming the unclaimed / uncashed dividend) from the concerned shareholders on or before August 4, 2025, the Company shall with a view to complying requirements set out in the Rules, dematerialise and transfer the shares to IEPF Authority by way of corporate action as per procedure stipulated in the Rules.

In case the shareholders have any queries on the subject matter and the Rules, they may contact KFin Technologies Limited (Unit: Reliance Industries Limited), Company's Registrar and Transfer Agent at Selenium Tower B, Plot 31-32, Gachibowli, Financial District, Nanakramguda, Hyderabad - 500 032; Toll Free No.: 1800-309-4001 (From 9:00 a.m. (IST) to 6:00 p.m. (IST) on all working days); Email: rilinvestor@kfinotech.com; Website: www.kfinotech.com

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We hope that differences between New Delhi and Islamabad will be resolved through peaceful, diplomatic means in accordance with the Simla Agreement of 1972 and the Lahore Declaration of 1999

Russian foreign ministry

The secy-general calls for maximum military restraint from both countries. The world cannot afford a military confrontation between India and Pakistan

UN secretary-general António Guterres' office

We understand India's desire to protect itself against the scourge of terrorism, but we obviously call on both India and Pakistan to exercise restraint

Jean-Noel Barrot | French foreign Minister

Escalation must be prevented and civilians protected. We are in contact with both India and Pakistan - German foreign ministry

We expect measures will be taken to reduce tensions as soon as possible and that the necessary mechanisms, including in the field of counter-terrorism, will be put in place to prevent the recurrence of similar incidents

Turkey's foreign ministry



His Highness stressed the importance of heeding the voices calling for dialogue and mutual understanding to prevent military escalation, strengthen stability in South Asia, and avoid further regional tensions

Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan | UAE deputy PM and foreign affairs minister

Exercise maximum restraint, give priority to the voice of wisdom, respect the principles of good neighbourliness, and resolve the crisis through diplomatic means

Qatar's ministry of foreign affairs

Strikes Steel Modi's Iron Man Credentials

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New Delhi: Two days after the Pahalgam terror attack, Narendra Modi gave a speech in Madhubani, Bihar. He vowed to "identify, track and punish every terrorist and his backer". In a speech given what turned out to be just hours before Operation Sindoor was launched, he struck a very different note. He touched upon Pakistan's perfidy, but limited himself to talking about pausing the Indus Waters Treaty.

That's Modi for you. Little did anyone know that before coming to Tuesday's event organised by a TV network, he had greenlighted the operation. With hindsight, his decision to record his speech for the Global Conference on Space Exploration on Wednesday morning showed he had already decided on the date for the retaliation.

It's easy to say now for everyone that a PM who greenlighted surgical strikes after Uri and the bombing of Balakot terror camp after Pulwama was always going to give an



A structure in Muzaffarabad demolished during India's retaliation

answer to Pahalgam. But in the two weeks between Pahalgam and Operation Sindoor, there were many, including opposition leaders, who questioned whether he would okay a kinetic response. More so because pretty much every world leader of any consequence was advising 'restraint'.

But not for the first time, Modi upended several people's assumptions. This is the third time he's called Pakistan's nuclear bluff, and the third time he's shown

forces, and given the fear of China's communist bosses coming to the aid of their all-weather ally Pakistan, he would rein in his natural instinct to hit back harder.

The precision strikes, while exposing Pakistan's nuclear blackmail for what it is, plain blackmail, helped him fully regain the 'jo kaha so kiya' plank and 'tough on national security' credentials.

The Pahalgam attack, though an aberration considering the successful tackling of terror both within J&K and outside it, had cast a shadow on those credentials. Daily taunts from opposition leaders had demonstrated their willingness to target what they saw as a chink in Modi's armour. The absence of a decisive Indian response would have allowed opposition leaders to take that rhetoric further. The anti-BJP political narrative would have been centered around what the opposition would have termed as Modi's inability to live up to his own belief that India must cross the 'red line'

in response to a Pak-sponsored terror outrage.

The nine precision strikes have washed away all doubt and with it, the opposition's story. Modi has again ensured that BJP retains the upper hand in security matters. The decision to share videos of the successful strikes involving 'niche' munitions was astute and left little room for quibble.

More significantly, Modi also appears to have prepared the country for the longer haul vis-a-vis security threats, boosting its risk appetite: something that was evident in the manner in which people shrugged off Pakistan's claims of losses for IAF and, also, in the way stock markets took the risk of escalation in their stride.

This is vital. The task of making India's economy stronger — itself a vital national security advantage — won't be any less urgent even after massively raising Pakistan's cost of terror sponsorship. Modi will helm that job as a PM with even bigger political capital.

I wish I'd also joined the lucky caravan: Jaish's Masood Azhar



A seminary damaged in Operation Sindoor at Ahmedpur Sharqia, about 7km from Bahawalpur

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New Delhi: Maulana Masood Azhar's words dripped with grief as the notorious chief of terror group Jaish-e-Muhammad acknowledged the death of 10 of his family members in the Indian attack on Markaz Subhan Allah in Bahawalpur, a Deobandi seminary known as the breeding ground of terrorists that Pakistan's ISI deploys as part of its proxy war against India.

"I wish I had also joined the lucky caravan," Azhar said in the florid Urdu that terrorists use to glorify themselves as martyrs.

In a statement JeM said Azhar's elder sister, her husband, a nephew and his wife and a niece were among those killed. "They have attained a higher calling and have now become the guests of Allah. I feel no disappointment. In fact, my heart keeps wishing I had joined this joyful group of 14 pilgrims."

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A call reporting the crash reached emergency helpline 112 around 2am. Authorities collected debris from the site, located nearly 20km from Bhisiana airbase.

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“Terrorists will think 100 times before acting again... Such a thing (retaliatory strikes) had to be done so that no one dares to carry out such a cowardly act again. The strikes on the terror targets will resonate in their minds forever.”

Rajesh Narwal
(Father of Vinay Narwal)

“We had faith that PM Modi will make the right decision. Nothing should happen to innocents, but those who try to oppress or indulge in rogue actions against us should not be spared. My son's sacrifice should not go to waste. I feel that the right decision has been taken.”

Sumathi Rao
(Mother of Manjunath Rao)



“It's a fitting answer to those who took away our fathers, brothers, and husbands before our eyes. Let Operation Sindo bring relief to all families who lost their loved ones, including Himanshi (Narwal).”

Arathy (Daughter of N Ramachandran)

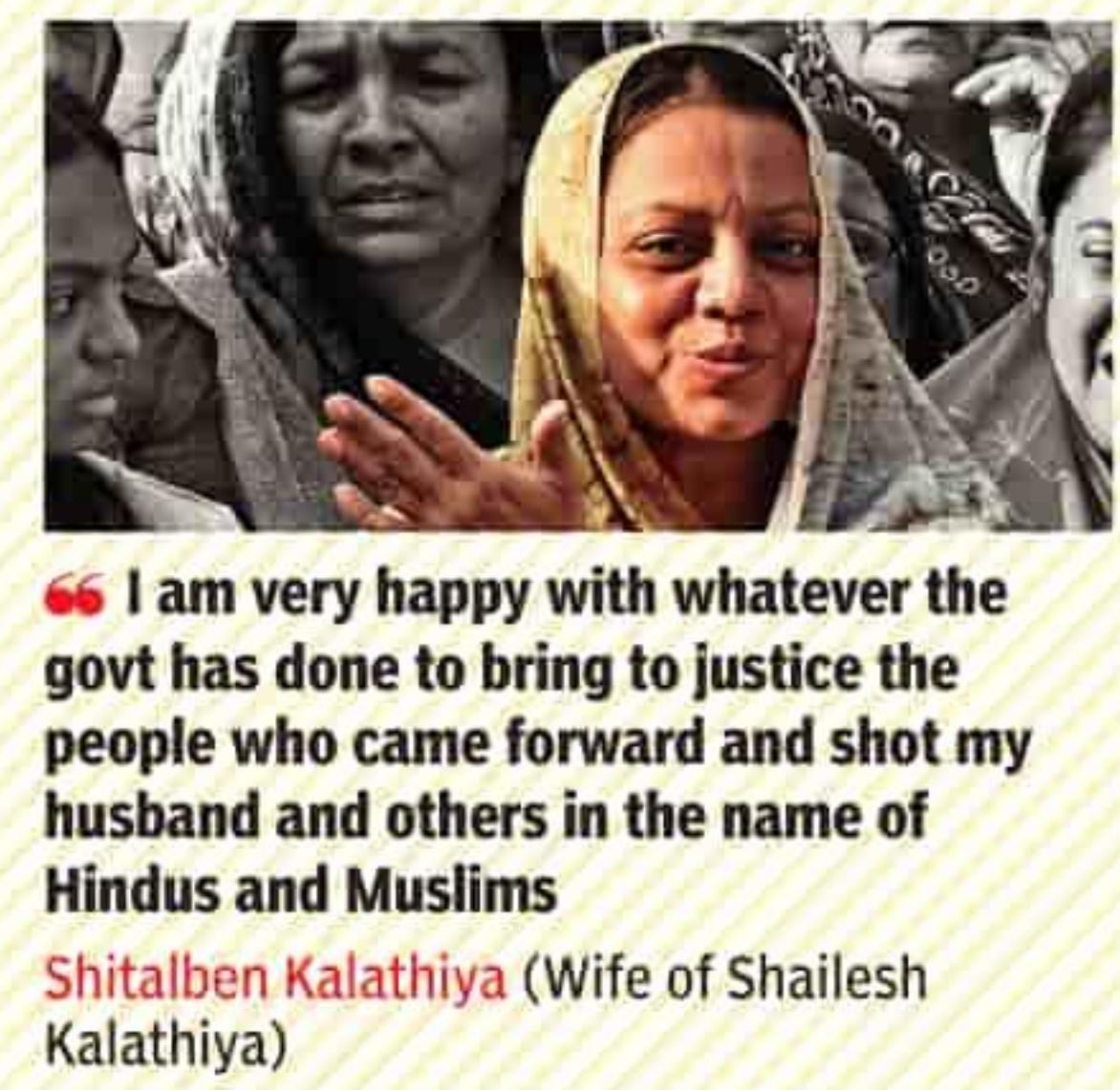
“I am happy today that the forces have avenged the killing of innocents. Now, my son, and the 25 others will rest in peace. We have got justice now.”

Syed Haider Shah
(Father of ponywallah Syed Adil Hussain Shah)



“I am satisfied. My late father would now be at peace. One of my uncles pleaded with the terrorists to let them go, but he was shot dead. No mercy was shown to him nor to my other uncle or my father.”

Harshal Lele
(Son of Sanjay Lele)



“I am very happy with whatever the govt has done to bring to justice the people who came forward and shot my husband and others in the name of Hindus and Muslims.”

Shitalben Kalathiya
(Wife of Shailesh Kalathiya)

India On High Alert On Land, Air & Sea

Retaliation By
Pakistan Being
Considered A
Likely Possibility

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New Delhi: With a retaliation by Pakistan being considered likely, India has shored up its defences across the land, air and sea domains. The multi-layered air defence network is fully activated, several frontline warships are deployed in the Arabian Sea, and infantry units along the frontier are fully stocked and prepared to deal with any contingency.

Amid combat air patrols being flown by IAF fighter jets, even the tri-Service Strategic Forces Command, which handles the country's nuclear arsenal, has been put on a high alert as a measure of abundant precaution.

“India has demonstrated considerable restraint in its response. However, it must be said that Indian armed forces are fully prepared to respond to Pakistani misadventures, if any, that will escalate the situation,” warned Wing Commander Yvonne Singh, a helicopter pilot, at the briefing by foreign secretary Vikram Misri.

The feeling in military-diplomatic circles here, however, is that Pakistan Army chief General Asim Munir, who just

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No Pak Military Facilities Hit, Says Indian Govt

New Delhi: A fortnight after terrorists gunned down 26 civilians in J&K's Pulwama, Indian forces struck at terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir early Wednesday, saying they had “fulfilled the commitment for this attack with precision.”

In the wake also, the Indian armed forces launched Operation Sindo, hitting terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (POK) on May 7. Jammu and Kashmir from where terrorist attacks against India have been launched.

No Pak Military Facilities Hit, Says Indian Govt

New Delhi: After India put the India-Pakistan Treaty on hold, triggering protests from Pakistan, in the aftermath of the Pulwama terrorist attack, PM Modi on Tuesday said the water which belonged to India, would flow in India's favour.

“In the last few days, India has been targeted. India has been targeted considerably. The world has noticed that India has been targeted and method of execution.

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Modi said. PM Modi on Tuesday said the water which belonged to India, would flow in India's favour.

Indian govt sources said Pakistan's efforts to internalise the issue made little headway as the US advised India to be patient with India and seek accountability for the Pulwama attack.

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Kids among 12 killed in Pak shelling on J&K, civilians being evacuated

Army Jawan Also Dies As Poonch Bears The Brunt

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Jammu/Srinagar: At least a dozen civilians, including four children, and an Army jawan were killed and more than 50 others wounded as Pakistan unleashed heavy artillery and mortar fire along LoC in J&K's border districts early Wednesday following Operation Sindoar. The slain jawan was identified as Lance Naik Dinesh Kumar of the 5 Field Regiment.

Poonch district in Jammu saw the brunt, reporting all civilian deaths and 42 of the wounded, officials said. Two CRPF men were also wounded when a shell exploded at a bus stand in Poonch town. This marked the 13th straight night of cross-border firing.

Pakistan again violates ceasefire agreement by firing artillery in Bimber Gali in

Shakela Bi, 40; Amarjeet Singh, 47; Maryam Khatoor, 7; Vilham Bhargav, 13; and M Rafi, 40, were among those wounded in Rajouri district.

Lieutenant governor Manoj Sinha reviewed the ground situation with administrative and police officials.

"We will ensure the safety of every citizen," he said.

CM Omar Abdullah convened an emergency meeting with chief secretary, divisional commissioners, and

district heads. Ambulances were dispatched to border areas and health departments instructed medical stocks to be delivered using airlifts.

In North Kashmir, at least 15 civilians were wounded in Uri and Kupwara districts amid shelling in Gingle, Dachina, Salamabad, and Machil sectors. Bapura village in Kupwara reported five homes destroyed. Many families began fleeing. Machil sector after mortar shells struck residential areas around Lam.

Locals said shelling began immediately after sunset to early morning hours. Dozens of houses and vehicles suffered extensive damage as shells landed in areas, including Balakote, Mendhar, Manikote, Krishna Ghati, Gulpur, Kerri, and Poonch town.

Victims were identified as M Zain Khan, 10; Zoya Khan, 12; M Akram, 40; Amrik Singh, 55; M Iqbal, 45; Ranjeet Singh, 48; Balvinder "Ruby" Kour, 33;

and a woman whose name was not known.

Shah hails armed forces, Rajnath invokes Hanuman

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New Delhi: "Chun chun ke maine kuchh karta hoon, PM naheen," said Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday during the daily Beating Retreat ceremony at Attari-Wagah border in Punjab, reports **Yudhvir Rana**. The ceremony, known for its synchronised flag-lowering display and theatrical rivalry between BSF and Pakistani Rangers, has been carried out since 1971.

"We have identified the gaps in the civil defence set-up in certain parts; for instance, the air sirens could not be sounded in many places. This may as it has been long since the 1971 war, when the sirens were last used. Also, the districts and cities have expanded," said an officer, adding that these districts will be mapped and emergency provisions invoked for protection in the future.

The drill was conducted in 15 lakh stake-holders including civil administration staff, volunteers, auxiliary forces, NDRF and state/UT police, besides the general public, coming together to test and enforce safety measures like blackouts, air-raid sirens and evacuation amid a simulated warlike setting.

A home ministry source said the drill successfully saw the enforcement of blackouts, with people voluntarily putting their lights out or "blackening" their windows with cloth paper to avoid detection of the siren. "Officers from Bihar said people stopped their cars on NH-31 and switched off headlights to enforce the blackout," an officer said. "There was to be a total blackout in all areas where the drill was undertaken," the officer added, citing videos received from across the country.

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Notice No.: APSFL/Recruitment/15/2025 Dt. 07-04-2025

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ग्रेटर नौएडा औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण
काउंसल सं. ०१, नौएडा पार्क-IV, ग्रेटर नौएडा, गोविंदपुर नगर, उत्तर प्रदेश-201308
वेबसाइट: www.greaternoedaauthority.in ई-मेल: authority@gnida.in

पत्राक: वरि.प्र./ई-निविदा सेल/ ०१८५२५/२०२५/६०४ दिनांक: ०७.०५.२०२५

ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

महाप्रबंधक (अभियांत्रिकी) ग्रेटर नौएडा औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा मुख्य कार्यपालक अधिकारी, ग्रेटर नौएडा की ओर से ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या वरि. प्र./ई-निविदा सेल/ ०१८५२५/२०२५ दिनांक ०७.०५.२०२५ के नामकरण से उल्लिखित क्रम संख्या ०१ से ०५ तक के कारण की ई-निविदा का जारी है। उत्तर प्रदेश ग्रेटर नौएडा प्राधिकरण की वेबसाइट www.greaternoedaauthority.in पर ई-निविदा लिंक एवं ई-पोर्टल <https://etender.up.nic.in> पर उपलब्ध है किसी परिवर्तन, संशोधन व अतिरिक्त पूछताओं के लिए उक्त वेबसाइट दखाये रहे।

क्र. सं कार्य का नाम/वर्क सॉर्किल अनुमति लागत

क्र. सं	कार्य का नाम/वर्क सॉर्किल	अनुमति लागत
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4.	ग्राम खानपुर में ६ प्रभागीय आवासीय भूखण्डों की अन्वयिक सड़कों का सुरुद्धीकरण एवं आर.सी.सी. नाली का निर्माण कार्य। (वर्क सॉर्किल-8)	₹. 120.78 लाख
5.	ग्रेटर नौएडा के ग्राम फ्लॉटीने स्थानों पर फाउन्टेन-नाटर वॉटीज के ०२ वर्क बैटरी संचालन एवं संरक्षण का कार्य। (वर्क सॉर्किल-ई-एन्डल-3)	₹. 151.78 लाख

क्रम सं. ०१ से ०५ तक के कार्यों को दिनांक - ०९.०५.२०२५ से १९.०५.२०२५ को ५.०० बजे तक अपलोड किया जाना जाएगा। प्रारंभ ई-निविदाओं को प्री-वार्काप्लानिंग दिनांक २१.०५.२०२५ को ११.०० बजे संतुष्टी जाएगी।

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender Notice No.: 1220252026 Dated: 07.05.2025

E-TENDERING TENDER NOTICE

Divisional Railway Manager North Central Railway, Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites online open tenders (E-Tender) as detailed below-

E-Tender Notice No.: 1220252026-42, Name of Work: SFG-BMU-Construction of Compound wall between SFG-BMU section to prevent trespassing.

Approx Cost (In Rs.): 2,34,69,415.65 Earnest Money (In Rs.): 2,67,400.00

Nature of work: Any Civil Engineering works.

E-Tender Notice No.: 1220252026-43, Name of Work: Subedarganj Provision of one additional room with toilet in 24 Nos. Type V duplex quarter in Raiganga colony.

Approx Cost (In Rs.): 1,92,80,081.78 Earnest Money (In Rs.): 2,46,400.00

Nature of work: Construction of building.

Date & Time of Closing of tender: 30.05.2025 at 12.00 PM, Completion Period: 09 Months., Note: For full details and submission of tenders, please see the website www.ireps.gov.in.

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Dholera Industrial City Development Limited
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TENDER NOTICE		
Description	Bid Due Date	
1. RFQ cum RFP for Appointment of Project Management Consultant for Infrastructure Development in the Activation Area of the Dholera Special Investment Region (DSIR), Dholera	22.05.2025 up to 15:00 Hrs (Online) 22.05.2025 up to 15:00 Hrs (Physical)	
Portal link : dcltdtender.nprocure.com		

The Tender submission shall be accompanied with the requisite Tender Fee, EMD, Forms, supporting documents, etc. as required in the Tender Document. The Tender submission must be addressed to : Managing Director, Dholera Industrial City Development Ltd (DICDL)

6th Floor, Block No. 1 and 2, Udyog Bhawan, Sector-11, Gandhinagar-382011, Gujarat, India. Email: tender@dicdl.in
Phone : +91 - 079-29750500 CIN : U45209GJ2016SGC085839

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Head Office, Information Technology Department, Star House-3, PNB-BOI Tower, C-29, G Block, 10th Floor, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai-400051 E-mail: Headoffice.it@bankofindia.co.in

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFPI) FOR HARDWARE FOR FCBS, Renewal of AMC and PMS support of Indian's Clearpass Network Access Control (NAC) Solution for 5 Years for Domestic, FCBS & RFB Segment through part coded RFP process vide Ref. No.: Ref-BOI-HO-IT-NAC-279-Dated 03.05.2025.

GeM Bid No. GEM/2025/B/6196793 Dt. 03.05.2025

The captioned RFPI is available on Bank's corporate website www.bankofindia.co.in under 'Tender' section & GeM portal.

Subsequent changes if any, will henceforth be uploaded on the Bank's website & GeM portal.

The last date of submission: 02.06.2025

बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग
15, नेहरु पथ (बेली रोड), पटना - 800001

आवश्यक सूचना

स्वास्थ्य विभाग, बिहार के अन्तर्गत राज्य के चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय एवं अस्पतालों में 25 विभागों (स्पेशिलिटी) के अधीन सहायक प्राध्यापक के कुल-1711 रिक्त पदों पर नियुक्ति हेतु प्रकाशित विज्ञापन संख्या-04/2025 से 28/2025 के लिए निर्धारित ऑनलाइन आवेदन भरने की अंतिम तिथि- 07.05.2025 से बढ़ाकर दिनांक-15.05.2025 तक की जाती है।

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Telephones: 0135-2763808, Fax: 0135-2763508
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: www.ujvn.com

RO No. 320 e-Tender corrigendum Notice-10 Dated: 06/05/2025

In continuation to uploaded below e-tender for construction of Sirkari Bhylou Rupsibagar HEP (3X40 MW), Munyasa, Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand, Date & technical corrigendum has been uploaded in the portal.

Tender No. (Package-I): 01/DGM(Civil)/SBR/2024-25
Tender No. (Package-II): 02/DGM(Civil)/SBR/2024-25
Tender No. (Package-III): 03/DGM(Civil)/SBR/2024-25

Name of work (Pac-I): Construction of Cofferdam, Barrage, intake and its appurtenant works including river diversion works & associated project roads and bridges etc.

Name of work (Pac-II): Construction of Feeder tunnel, Desander, HRT, SFT, surge shaft, valve house , adits and its appurtenant works & associated project roads.

Name of work (Pac-III): Construction of underground Power House Building, Tail Race tunnel, Switch yard and other associated work of Power House site, Adits, MAT, vertical pressure shaft & steel liner including branch tunnel & associated project roads.

Bid submission closing date on portal: 22.05.2025 upto 16:00 Hrs

For full & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal "<http://uktenders.gov.in>".

DGM (Civil), Munyasa
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4. ग्राम खानपुर में ६ प्रभागीय आवासीय भ

ई-निवादा- मैस संचालन कार्य
राजकीय मेडिकल कॉलेज, हल्द्वानी
(निवादा सूचना-मैस संचालन कार्य)

राजकीय मेडिकल कॉलेज, हल्द्वानी द्वारा प्रसरण में स्थापित "मैस-कॉल 07 मैस" (एम.बी.बी.एस. बी.एस. मैस-02, एम.बी.बी.एस. मैस-01, एम.बी.बी.एस. मैस-01, एम.बी.बी.एस. मैस-01) एवं निर्दिग गर्ल्स मैस-02, पी.जी. बी.एस. मैस-01, पी.जी. गर्ल्स मैस-01) एवं निर्दिग गर्ल्स मैस-01) के संचालन कार्यों द्वारा कृश्ण "निवादातारों-डेकेदारों" से जिक्र-पास प्रतिवाद लगाया 800-1000 छात्र-छात्राओं को भेजन उपलब्ध कराने से संबंधित कार्यक्रेत्र में कार्य करने का किसी स्कॉलरी अधिसरकारी-मैडिकल कॉलेज/विकासालय/प्रशिक्षण संस्थान/इकाइयांसि कॉलेज इत्यादि में 03 (तीन) वर्ष अथवा उससे अधिक का अनुभव है, से "अनुरूप" के आधार पर "वार्तिक" दिलाकर होने अधिकार 03 (तीन) वर्षों के लिये निर्धारित "शर्त-एवं प्रतिवाद" के अन्तर्गत जाकरी जाती है। अब विस्तृत जाकरी ट्रैक्सार्ट <http://uktenders.gov.in> पर उपलब्ध है, जिहें दिनांक 09.05.2025 (अपग्रेड 6.30 बजे) से दिनांक 22.05.2025 के पूर्वान्तर 11.30 बजे तक डाउनलोड (Download) किया जा सकता है।

निवादा सूचना संख्या- 384, दिनांक 07 मई, 2025
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प्राचार्य,
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जयपुर विकास प्राधिकरण
इन्द्रिय सर्किल, जयपुर लाल नगर मार्ग, जयपुर-302004

क्रमांक : जाविप्रा / अधि.अधि.काम.सारा.निवा.अधि.-प्रधम / 2025-26 / डी— दिनांक : 06.05.2025

संशोधन सूचना

इस प्रकाशित द्वारा पूर्व में जारी निवादा सूचना अ.अ. एवं त.स.नि.अ.-I/05/2025-26 में क्रमं सं 7 (यूनिएन नं. JDA2526WSOBO0101 पर निवादा प्रस्तुत करने की अन्तिम तिथि को 01.05.2025 के स्थान पर 11.05.2025 पढ़ा जावे। अधि.अधि. एवं तक सारा. निवा.अधि.-प्रधम

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender No. PRYJ-Sig-401-2025-26 Dated: 05-05-2025

E-TENDER NOTICE

Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/Co-ordination/North Central Railway/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invite E-TENDER on prescribed form for the following works up to 15.00 hrs. on 28-05-2025. The detail of the Tender is as under:-

Name of Work: "S&T work in connection with Provision of second loop line at Nibkaran.".

Approx. Cost of work (In Rs.): Rs 5449385.30/- (Rs. Fifty-Four Lakhs Forty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Five and Thirty paise Only)

Bid Security/Earnest Money (In Rs.): 109000.00

Completion Period: 12 Months

Date of Closing of tender: 28.05.2025

Availability of tender form: Tender forms shall be available on www.reps.gov.in 21 days prior to date of opening of the tender.

Earnest Money to be deposited: The prescribed amount of Earnest Money as mentioned above must be deposited along with the tender form online through Internet Banking or Online Payment gateway only. The tenderer(s) should note that, in any case, the Earnest Money in any other form than specified above shall not be acceptable. Tenders without earnest money shall be summarily rejected.

Time, date & place of opening of tender: Tender will be opened through E-tender at office of Divisional Railway Manager, Prayagraj or on after-pre-determined date at 15:30 hours. In case tender opening date happens to be holiday, Tenders will be opened on the next working day.

Validity of offer: 60 days from the date of opening.

Right of Railway to deal with tender: : Railway administration reserve the rights to postpone/modify or to cancel the tender without assigning any reasons. 778/25(AS)

North central railways @ www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @ CPRONCR

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice

Chief Project Manager, Gati Shakti, N.C. Railway, Jhansi for and behalf of President of India invites sealed "Open Tender" through On Line (E-Tendering) for the following work.

Description of Work: The Balance work for "Provision for goods siding platform and other miscellaneous civil engineering works at Bhind Station.

E-Tender No.: JHS-ENGG-GSU-2025-04 Approx Cost : ₹ 9428520.90

Earnest Money : ₹ 621400.00 Date of closing Tender: 27/05/2025

Date of Completion/period from issue acceptance letter: 12 month

Tender online can be submitted up to 10:30 hrs on 27.05.2025. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website www.reps.gov.in 779/25(DG)

North central railways @ www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in

OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER IN CHIEF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, NAVA RAIPUR, ATAL NAGAR

(CENTRAL TENDER CELL)
E-Procurement Tender Notice
Main Portal: <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>

Tenders are invited for the Following works:-

S. NO.	System Tender No. / Date	Name of Work	PAC Amount (Rupees in lacs)
1	167681 First Call 28.04.2025	Construction of College Building at Nagarda, I/C W.S.F. & Electrification Works.	431.79
2	167558 Third Call 28.04.2025	Construction of kalmi Naharpur to Belahidih via Chikhali, Chotekot, Badekot, Singhra Road Length 12.80 km.	1188.93
3	167556 First Call 28.04.2025	CONSTRUCTION OF GOVT. NAVIN COLLEGE, GOHARPADAR(BLOCK-MANPUR) I/C. WATER SUPPLY, SANITARY FITTINGS, & ELECTRIFICATION WORK AT DISTT. GARIABAND.(DN. GARIABAND) UNDER NABARD POSHIT YOJNA.	463.39
4	167622 First Call 29.04.2025	CONSTRUCTION OF GOVT. COLLEGE-PIRDA I/C. WATER SUPPLY,SANITARY FITTINGS, RAIN WATER HARVESTING & ELECTRIFICATION WORK AT DISTT. MAHASAMUND UNDER NABARD POSHIT YOJNA.(MAHASAMUND DN.).	462.32
5	167557 Second Call 30.04.2025	Construction of High Level Bridge & Approach Road across Arpa River on Shanchari - Chantidil Road.	1110.56

Last Date of Tender Downloading S.N.O. 02 date 13.05.2025, S.No. 05 date 19.05.2025, Other Tenders Date are Schedule as date 23.05.2025 For more details on the tender and bidding process please visit the above mentioned portal.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer
(Central Tender Cell)
Office Of Engineer In Chief
P.W.D. Nava Raipur Atal Nagar
G-252600683/8

GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER MAHANADI GODAWARI BASIN RAIPUR (C.G.)

e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE
eProcurement Portal: <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> (1st CALL)

System Tender No.: 167784/NIT No.: 01/SAC/2025-26, Durg, Dated : 05.05.2025

Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to 27.05.2025 at 17.30 Hour

Name of work : Remodeling from R.D. 0 m to 10800m & C.C. Lining from 0m to 6000m with construction of 01 No. D.C., 05 Nos. V.R.B., 01 Nos. Inlet, & Fixing of 21 Nos Colaba pipe of Anandgaon Minor under Tandula Project in Block Berla of District Betmera.

Probable Amount of Contract Rs. 384.28 Lakhs

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) from Date 13.05.2025, at 17.31 Hours. (IST) onwards.

NOTE :- All eligible/interested contractors/bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the Integrated e- procurement portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) and get approval on specific vendor class from PWD under Centralized Contractor/Supplier Registration in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Tandula Water Resources Division, Durg (C.G.)
For, Chief Engineer, Mahanadi Godavari Basin
G-252600699/9

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(उत्तराखण्ड सरकार का उपयोगी कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड)

कार्यालय अधिकारी गविन्दन, विद्युत वितरण छात्र, गर्ल्स (गोर्गी) दृष्टिगत: 0143-278239
कारपोरेशन आईडीली संख्या: U40109UP2001SG025867/2358 Email:gairsin@gmail.com

निवादा निष्ठिकरण सूचना

इस खेल के कार्यालय पत्राक संख्या- 292 / विद्युतिक्षेत्र दिनांक 12.03.2025 द्वारा देनीवाला पत्रों से प्रकाशित निवादा सं 25 / 2024-2025 को अपरिवार्य कारणों से निरस्त किया जाता है।

विद्युत वितरण पत्राक द्वारा संख्या- 24x7 विद्युत वितरण पत्राक, हल्द्वानी (नैनीताल) पत्राक- 1473-विद्युतिक्षेत्र (ह०) / निष्ठिकरण सूचना- 07.05.2025 दिनांक- 07/05/2025

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one unidentified dead body of female **Namely: Unknown, D/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: about 24-25 years, Height: 5'0", Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: Black and Brown Color Suit and Black Color Salwar ID: Written "Manoj Chopal" on Left Arm in Hindi** who was found at Kachi Munak Neher near Haiderpur Water Treatment Plant Rohini, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 28-A. Dt. 01.05.2025. has been registered at P.S. K.N.K. Marg, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about the above deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

Sd/- SHO
P.S: K.N.K. Marg, Delhi
Tel. No.8750870327
DP/5747/RD/2025

Appeal for Identification

General public is hereby informed that a newborn male baby's fetus **Namely: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: About 20-24 Week, Sex: Male, Place of Recovery: Found at Ambedkar Basti Nala, New Delhi.**

In this regard FIR No. 183/25, Dated 02.05.2025 has been registered at Police Station: R.K. Puram, Delhi. Any clue come to notice please inform undersign.

SHO
P.S.: R.K. Puram, New Delhi
Ph.: 7737540920
DP/5667/SW/2025

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Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about identity of this person but no clue has come to light so far. If any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

SHO
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DP/5719/WD/2025

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Muslim clerics, netas back op against Pak terror infra

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Jaipur/Lucknow/Nagpur/Hyderabad: Prominent Muslim religious and political figures voiced steadfast support for India's military action to decimate the terror camps inside Pakistan. Some of them also underscored the need to maintain unity and communal harmony, while displaying solidarity with the fight against terror.

Syed Sarwar Chishty, secretary of Anjuman — the managing body of clerics at the Ajmer Sharif dargah — said: "Sufi shrines across the country have always stood with our beloved motherland, India, in every situation."

Muslim clerics in UP hailed the precision strikes on the terror hideouts. Maulana Khalid Rashid Firangi Mahalvi, a senior executive member of the All India Muslim Personal Law Board and head of the Islamic Centre of India, described Operation Sindoor as a necessary and commendable action. "After the brutal killing of 26 innocent people in Pahalgam on April 22, the entire na-

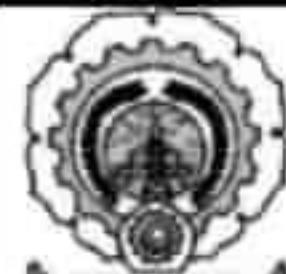
tion was waiting for such a decisive action. This will certainly weaken the morale of the terrorists," he said.

All India Shia Personal Law Board general secretary Maulana Yasoo Abbas congratulated PM Narendra Modi and defence Minister Rajnath Singh "for taking this bold decision". In Bareilly, All India Muslim Jamaat president Mufti Shahabuddin Razvi said the operation sent a strong message globally that "India will go to any extent to protect its citizens and borders". Jamaat-e-Islami Hind (JIH) said terrorism was a heinous crime against humanity and its eradication was essential for safety, security and peace in India.

AIMIM president and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi was among the most prominent Muslim political leaders to welcome Operation Sindoor. He posted a video on X in which he raised the slogan, "Pakistan Murdabad, Bharat Zindabad".

After the Pahalgam massacre, Owaisi had called for an effective retaliation to the "cowardly attack".

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(A Govt. of Bihar Undertaking)
(Department of General Administration)



GST Number : 10AAFCB2394A2ZD,

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Job Contract Notice No. -09/2025 (Contract)

Walk-in-Interview

Bihar State Power (Holding) Company Ltd. invites application from serving person on deputation basis or from retired person for contractual engagement on one no. of post of Advisor (Renewable Energy).

Walk-in-Interview is scheduled to be held on 15.05.2025 (Thursday) at 12:30 PM in BSPHCL, Vidyut Bhawan, Jawaharlal Nehru Marg, Patna. For application format & details kindly visit the company website : www.bspchl.co.in

For further details please visit website state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar

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Phone 0612-2281857, e-mail- cobeltron@bihar.gov.in**e-Tender Notice**

RFP No.- BSEC/2713/2025

e-Tenders are invited by Bihar State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd. for "Selection of System Integrator for Augmentation of Backup Media and Associated Licenses for CFMS 2.0 Project". The details are available on BSEC website: <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in>. Last date of bid submission is 27.05.2024 till 03:00 PM.

This information is available on www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar also

PR. No. 002771 (B&C) 25-26

Managing Director

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Maharashtra Institution for Transformation (MITRA), Planning Department, Government of Maharashtra,
5th Floor, Nirmal Building, Near CR-2 Mall, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400021.

EARLY MARKET ENGAGEMENT NOTICE

Joint Chief Executive Officer (Jt. CEO), Maharashtra Institution for Transformation (MITRA), Planning Department, Government of Maharashtra, 5th Floor, Nirmal Building, Near CR-2 Mall, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400021, invites bidders for Early Market Engagement for Civil Works for Urban Flood Management in Kolhapur Municipal Corporation (KMC) Area and Sangli, Miraj & Kupwad Municipal Corporation (SMKMC) Area under Maharashtra Resilience Development Project (MRDP).

Name of the Work: Civil Works for Urban Flood Management in Kolhapur Municipal Corporation (KMC) Area and Sangli, Miraj & Kupwad Municipal Corporation (SMKMC) Area under Maharashtra Resilience Development Project (MRDP).

Date: 13th May 2025

Time: 11:00 AM

Venue: MITRA Office, Nirmal Building, Nariman Point, Mumbai OR Online

Meeting Link: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_Y2U5ZW14NjANdEc1M100MDY5LW10NWQ1N2RjZtgyYTvkZGly%40thread.v2/0?cont=ext%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22b4ca5b36-acaa-4c61-a7dd-008c74a7bc0%20%22%20%22Oid%22%3a%22bc061261-c31a-4638-a89d-3f90f2567e25%22%7d

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Rural Development Department, Government of Bihar

Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society
State Rural Livelihoods Mission, Bihar



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Notice Inviting Expression of Interest (EoI) For Selection of Partner as Project Implementing Agency (PIA) under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gramen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) 2.0

1. BRLPS (JEEVIKA) invites proposals from registered Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) holding a valid PRN No. under the new guidelines of DDU-GKY 2.0 for the implementation of DDU-GKY 2.0 projects in the state. These projects aim to provide skill training and ensure placement along with support in self-employment for rural poor youths.
2. Interested agencies are requested to submit their proposals online through the portal: <https://kaushal.rural.gov.in> along with a non-refundable application fee of ₹25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Five Thousand Only).

S.N.	Name of Assignment	Expression of Interest (EoI) to Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) under DDU-GKY 2.0
01	Date of Publication on BRLPS website at www.brlps.in/procurement/tender	07-05-2025
02	Last date of submission of proposal through the portal: https://kaushal.rural.gov.in	30-05-2025
03	Phone number and Email	Contact: Gyanesh Singh, Project Manager Jobs, Phone: 9334300428 E-Mail:pm.jobs@brlps.in

For further details please visit website state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar

(Himanshu Sharma, IAS)

CEO cum State Mission Director

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'My sindoor was wiped off by terror, wish no other woman's is'

Pahalgam Victims'
Wives 'Grateful',
Some Feel 'It Is
Just The Beginning'

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Jennifer, who woke up at 6am to news of Operation Sindoor, recalled the "rage" she saw on the face of a soldier her son's age when he reached out to her moments after the April 22 massacre. "His face mirrored the determination that our armed forces have shown. Besides justice, I feel a sense of pride. India acted at the right time, and should now push ahead to completely eliminate terrorism," she said.

Bengal native Soheni Adhikari (37), the wife of slain Florida-based techie Bitan Adhikari, said her first thought on hearing about the airstrikes on terrorist targets in Pakistan was that "the nation has avenged my husband's death".

"I am sure he (Bitan) is watching from above. He can now rest in peace. My sindoor was wiped off by terror. I wish no other woman's sindoor is removed like mine. I always had faith in the govt, and I'm grateful for this action."

Kolkata resident Sabari Guha (51), who lost her statistician husband Samir in the terrorist attack, sees India's response as "just the beginning".

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a sense of relief that the perpetrators won't go scot-free."

"In Odisha's Balasore, victim Prasanta Sapatra's wife Priyadarshini Acharya said she always knew that "the govt will take revenge for what the terrorists did" and had been "anxious" waiting for this moment".

"This is a befitting reply. Let terrorists, not the common man, feel threatened. Citizens should feel their lives are valued. The govt has done exactly what it should have. It's a new beginning."

Gujarat native Kajal Parmar, whose husband Yatish Parmar and their 17-year-old son Smit were killed in the carnage, pleaded with PM Modi to keep the offensive against terrorists in Pakistan going until they were "annihilated". "We salute the armed forces and urge the govt to be unsparing against Pakistan, this is my prayer to Modi saheb," she said at Bhavnagar.

In Surat, banker Shailesh Kalathiya's wife Sheetal allowed herself a smile as she spoke of the govt and the armed forces "bringing to justice those who shot my husband and others in the name of religion".

HAL on high alert for IAF fighter fleet care

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Bengaluru: Amid need for foolproof preparedness following India's Op Sindoor, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), responsible for maintaining IAF's fighter planes, has been put on a high alert, entailing compulsory overtime for staff at the base or outside. Engineers and technicians have been told to be "ready" to leave at short notice for repair work.

"Our staff critical for maintenance have been told to be prepared for any requirement and some have been asked to volunteer in case there's a requirement for travel. We've already started an additional shift between 7pm and 11pm; and if needed, we are prepared to work round the clock," an HAL source said.

HAL is the fourth line of service for commissioned fighter planes, including repair of engines, avionics, and other major control systems. The first two lines of service are at the squadron level. The third line of service, requiring a slightly higher degree of repair work, is available at various base repair depots (BRDs). A retired IAF officer said that during peacetime, aircraft need the fourth or fifth line of service are sent to HAL as there's time to get them back. But in emergency situations, IAF does not have such luxury. And therefore, it is general practice to have back-up staff on their toes.

HAL handles the Su-30 and the MiG fleets in Nasik, while all European platforms of fixed wing fighters (Mirage & Jaguar) are handled in Bengaluru. All the choppers are repaired at Helicopter complex in Bengaluru. "But during emergencies, aircraft cannot be brought here, so we must be ready to go," an HAL official in Bengaluru said.

During the Kargil conflict in 1999, a retired HAL employee had told TOI earlier, technicians had "continuously worked for over two months". While a similar alert was put in place in 2016 when India conducted a surgical strike on Pakistan, it didn't last as long as the one during Kargil.

Cops deny social media claims of Amritsar blasts



Bharti.Jain@timesofindia.com

New Delhi: Home minister Amit Shah on Wednesday asked states and Union Territories bordering Pakistan and Nepal to be on high alert and bolster security at all vulnerable points, particularly vital installations, to beat any exigency including armed retaliation by Pakistan.

At a security review held via video-conferencing with lieutenant governors and chief ministers of border states/UTs like J&K, Ladakh, UP, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Rajasthan, Gujarat and West Bengal and a representative of Sikkim govt — where the home secretary, Intelligence Bureau chief and DGs of Border Security Force (BSF) and Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) were also present — Shah called for seamless coordination among the local administration, armed forces and the central paramilitary forces.

Shah's exhortation followed an assessment by the security establishment that Pakistan, hamstrung by India's decision to focus the pre-emption strikes exclusively on terror camps while ensuring that no civilian and military targets were hit, could target crucial installations. "We don't run terror camps... our installations such as dams, refineries, power plants, particularly those on the western border, could be targeted," a source said.

Many of these installations are protected by CISF, which has already reviewed and upgraded their security plan. Shah asked the LGs/chief ministers to keep the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), civil defence, Home Guards, NCC etc on standby to deal with any situation. He said efforts should be made to ensure public participation in Wednesday's mock drill through citizens and non-government organisations.

Amritsar deputy commissioner Sakshi Sawhney said: "We are observing precaution. There is no need to panic." There were some reports of blast-like sounds from Dasua Ghanekie Bangle and Kartarpur. "We checked and there were no incidents in Amritsar," commission of police Gurpreet Bhullar. However, there was panic on social media, where unconfirmed posts on blasts were doing the rounds. TNN

Control rooms set up across Valley's 10 dists

Srinagar: Authorities in Srinagar have set up central control rooms across Kashmir to monitor developments in the wake of missile strikes by India on nine terror infrastructure sites in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (POK).



A thought for today

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In planning & execution, Op Sindoar was flawless. It's also a warning to those in Pak considering escalation

When India struck terrorist camps across LoC in Sept 2016, to avenge Uri, the world was surprised. Same after Balakot. Op Sindoar takes payback for terrorism to another level. The rubble of JeM's Markaz Subhan Allah HQ in Bahawalpur bears the eloquent imprint of Indian resolve. Eight other terrorist camps located 9-30km inside Pakistan-controlled territory also lie pulverised. That this havoc was wrought in a span of 25 minutes yesterday shows how India's resolve to punish terrorists and their masters has hardened, and its capabilities have matured, under Modi.

If the scale of India's retaliation for Pahalgam is unprecedented, its planning and execution are flawless. After the massacre of 26 tourists in Pahalgam on April 22, calls for a swift Balakot-like response were growing, but govt resisted the pressure, giving the military time and a "free hand" to plan an operation. Meanwhile, it turned the screws on Pakistan by other means, like suspending cross-border trade and the Indus Waters Treaty.

Operational secrecy was maintained so well that the missiles, when they hit home, literally caught everyone napping. JeM chief Maulana Masood Azhar has acknowledged that some of his close aides were killed in the strike on his Markaz in Bahawalpur. But the significance of these strikes goes beyond the body count. An attack deep inside Pakistan's Punjab province should make it clear that, when it comes to pursuing terrorists, no place is off-limits anymore. As Modi promised after Pahalgam, they will be pursued "to the ends of the earth".

At the same time, Op Sindoar is a highly measured action. Great care was taken not to hit military or civilian sites. India has emphasised that it struck terror camps in the light of credible warnings of more Pahalgam-like attacks. The intent is "non-escalatory", but it's up to Pakistan now to ensure things don't get out of hand. India does not harbour terrorists, and if Pakistan attacks Indian military or civilian targets, the responsibility for what happens afterwards is on it. So, if Pakistan's blustering army chief Asim Munir wants a face-saver, he should factor in a hard Indian response. And he shouldn't count on 'Iron brother' China, which, in a careful statement, has merely termed India's action "regrettable", and urged "both sides to act in the larger interest of peace and stability".

If Munir and others in Pakistan are wondering who – India or they – has the bigger stomach for a fight, they should look at their stock market, which tanked on Wednesday, while India's held its nerve. That's a huge change from 2016, when the Sensex plunged 465 points on news of India's surgical strikes. This new India is confident and ever ready to pay back in a bigger coin.

No Good Options For Pak To Hit Back

The strikes are a body blow for Pak military-ISI-terror nexus & the world now sympathises with India

Tikal Devasher

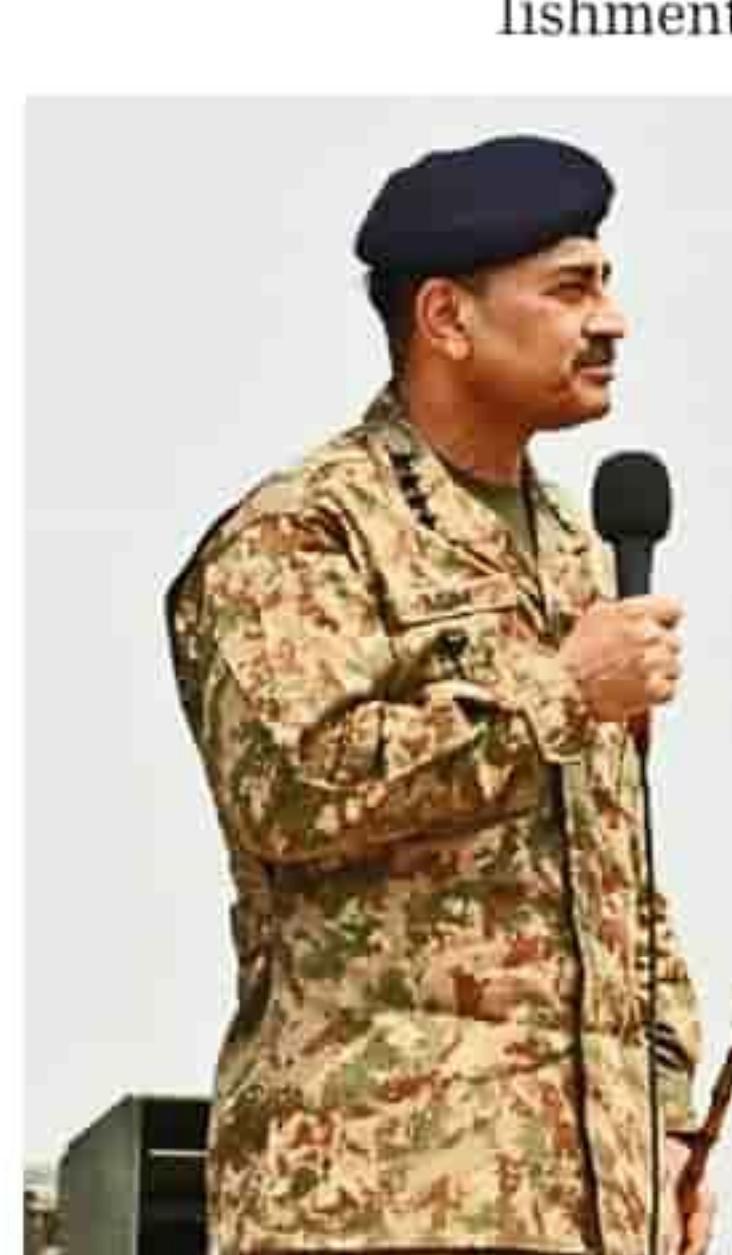


The significance of Operation Sindoar in terms of damage to terror infra in PoJK and Pakistan cannot be overstated. The targeted terror bases – which were carefully selected based on high quality intelligence – have been thoroughly damaged, especially the headquarters of Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) at Bahawalpur and Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) at Muridke.

This, however, is only the opening salvo. It now depends on Pakistan. If, as expected, it retaliates, then there could be an escalation from India. Islamabad's dilemma is that there are no good options for it here.

There are no terrorist targets in India, so what does it target? Civilians or military targets? In either case the retribution from India would be swift and overwhelming.

While the damage to terror infra in PoJK and Pakistan has been quite severe, it is not the complete story. It's key to note that Op Sindoar cannot be seen in isolation but must be seen as a continuation of measures taken by India, especially putting IWT in abeyance. This will certainly have long-term consequences for Pakistan's agriculture and food security.



The strikes on Muridke and Bahawalpur terror camps serve as a huge blow to Pakistan's military-ISI-terror nexus. While full details of the casualties and damage inflicted are awaited, the hits to the camps are clearly visible.

• The strikes also have an important psychological impact. For decades, these two camps have been the epicentre of Pakistan's terrorism directed against India. In the past, India had always hesitated against taking action against them. This time, however, the Indian armed forces have attacked them and degraded their ability to carry out their nefarious designs. This marks a huge strategic shift in India's counterterrorism response.

• Given the blows Pakistan has just suffered, the generals in Rawalpindi GHQ and the deep state will be under pressure to respond. They have to react, and react quickly, for the sake of their domestic audience. All eyes will be on Pak army chief Asim Munir.

But as mentioned above, the options for Pakistan's retaliation are

Pakistan has become a global problem. That bin Laden was found hiding in Pakistan's garrison town of Abbottabad exemplifies how deep-rooted its terror ecosystem is.

• This is also why few buy Pakistan's denial of state involvement in the terror industry flourishing on Pakistani soil. The international community has understood Islamabad's role in fomenting terrorism. Pak defence minister Khwaja Asif and Bilawal Bhutto's recent comments about Pakistan nurturing and backing terrorists further confirmed this.

The international community is fed up with Pak-sponsored terrorism. Hence, apart from China and Turkey, no other country is willing to give it the time of day. Even traditional benefactors like Gulf Arab nations now increasingly opt for India's pivot to view regional security.

Taken together, all of this gives GOI and Indian armed forces the strategic flexibility to carry out focused military ops like Sindoar.

INDIA'S HAMMER BLOW: WHAT IT MEANS, WHAT NEXT

- Clear signal of new strategic resolve
- Vulnerability of Pak-based terror leadership established
- Intel inputs plus smart weapons prove a winner
- LoC will be hot zone
- Pak may attempt a post-Balakot-like response
- But Indian air defence systems now are far better

Arjun Subramianam



Air Vice Marshal (Retd)

After the terrorist attack in Mumbai, IAF had offered govt options for an immediate air power-led response against terror infra in PoJK. That didn't happen given the escalatory dynamics of the time despite voices from within the strategic establishment suggesting that there was a window for limited military action.

Indian army's cross-border strikes in 2016 and Balakot strike of 2019 were baby steps taken by a strategic establishment attempting to infuse a retaliatory paradigm in India's response to terrorism. Though these responses did meaningfully contribute to deterrence for a few years, India was forced to go back to the drawing board after the Pahalgam attacks.

As IAF Rafale jets launched their Hammer & Scalp missiles between 1.00-1.30am late Tuesday night against nine terrorist targets and infra inside PoJK and across IB, it's important to look at the larger picture of deterrence and punitive action. Some immediate issues merit reflection as we evaluate India's measured, calibrated, pre-emptive, non-escalatory and deterrence-driven retaliatory strikes.

● Importance of meticulous planning and secrecy of plans. In an era of state capability by space-based surveillance assets, social media leaks, attempts by TV to 'war game' scenarios and predict outcomes, it's evident strategic leadership's ability to stay ahead of adversaries and keep them guessing remains an important element of contemporary warfare.

● By not resorting to immediate punitive strikes and instead building pressure through diplomacy and non-military actions, India's armed forces seem to have been given adequate 'breathing' time to launch an effective but restrained op by quality intelligence.

● Operation Sindoar was declared an integrated and joint operation with significant preliminary visibility accorded to the air strikes. Though Balakot air strikes were a strategic success and imposed a six-year-long deterrence on Pak's jihadi establishment, there were several lessons that emerged. It is to IAF's credit that it has trained hard in the years since to adapt to the paradigm of limited wars and counterterror ops.

● Rafale's induction has been a game changer that could play out further when – not if – Pakistan launches its retaliatory action. Should Pakistan suffer even modest losses in such an action, it would be the surest way down the path of de-escalation.

● Comparative quality of the politico-military synergy on both sides post

Pahalgam plays a key role. Installing ISI chief as Pak NSA and the knee-jerk nuclear rhetoric reflect the chaos that set in after India's non-military measures. On the Indian side, there seems to have been a calm process-driven approach with clear political directives and some political posturing that conveyed intent but had to be matched with tangible action.

● What would have taken many analysts by surprise is the continued faith India's strategic establishment reposed in offensive air power to offer counterterror options. This is a major strategic hurdle crossed. India in the past has always considered offensive air power as an escalatory element in sub-conventional or short-of-war situations.

● The point to reflect on is whether Pakistan follows the 'rational actor' model in its response, or will it throw caution to the wind to conduct widespread air strikes and indiscriminate artillery shelling against Indian military and civilian targets?



METICULOUS PLANNING: PM with defence minister, NSA, CDS, and services chiefs (April 29)

● Given the enormous pressure on Pak military to respond, the most likely 'calibrated' response may reference the model adopted during PAF's operations after Balakot (Operation Swift Retort) with symbolic attacks on military targets along LoC attempted. With India's layered air defence ecosystem having learnt its lessons after Operation Swift Retort, such ops are doomed to fail.

Moot point is that notwithstanding General Munir's tag as a 'jihadi' and war-mongering general, there are bound to be sane voices from all three services, particularly from within Pak air force and navy that eschew expansion of conflict against India.

● The world will now ask if India has shed its cloak as a diffident power and will emerge as a more assertive 'rising power'. Is this also an indirect signal to Beijing to recalibrate its relationship with India? Wishful thinking, but could the current situation also usher in the possibility that sections of Pak civil society realise the futility of buckling to their army and jihadi establishment?

Finally, what India's strategic establishment must heed loud and clear is that credible hard power to respond to external threats is a non-negotiable instrument of statecraft. The current crisis deals with an adversary dwarfed in size and capability. The same is not true elsewhere.

Syed Ata Hasnain



Lieutenant General (Retd)

In the military domain naming an operation is as important as the operation itself. Thus, Op Sindoar bears the symbolism of response to the anger which gripped India on April 22 after the Pahalgam attack. However, it doesn't end here and could even be the beginning of a new season of confrontation.

● After Feb 2019 when the Balakot operation was executed post Pulwama terror attack, we always knew that another attack of serious proportions would be repeated some day. The Balakot strike was not an act of deterrence but a strategic message; it was controlled escalation at a lower rung. I had wondered then what would be our response the next time some big terror attack took place. Six years later

What's important to note is that Muridke, Sialkot and Bahawalpur facilities are close to prominent headquarters of the Pak army. The strikes, therefore, signify India now has the capability to target even these should the need arise.

● The location of the terror camps had been known for long. What India's strikes demonstrate is the vulnerability of the terrorist leadership to such targeted operations. It is something akin to Israeli capabilities acquired over time. This introduces a different dimension to the entire gamut of counterterrorism operations of a strategic nature.

In Op Sindoar, it's known that joint operation munitions of all three services were used through different modes of launch. Kamikaze drones, launched from standoff distances without crossing borders, became the final weapons of delivery. More on the weapons systems will be known as details unravel, but it's clear that India's efforts in the employment of a new generation of weapons systems have successfully come into being.

● The final damage assessment is a part of detail and to my mind not so relevant. In Balakot, we were more focused on the results of the strike. It's quite clear this time that counting bodies is unimportant. It's the event itself, the decision, the multiple targets and their nature, the depth of strikes and the choice of the geographical focus that have made the difference.

● As usual, Pakistan's mastery over the domain of fake news has ensured attempts at manipulated narratives that should just be ignored. But we do need to be concerned about two things.

● First, the likelihood of a response from the Pakistani deep state. It appears to be unlikely in the conventional domain; Pakistan does not have it in it, despite all analyses of its irrationality. It's in the sub-conventional domain that this cannot be restricted by any of the effects of Op Sindoar. Already, LoC has become hot with the ceasefire of 2021 no longer in existence. Heavy casualties have been sustained by our civilian population in J&K's Poonch sector. This is Pakistan's frustration at play.

● The army must now ensure that it uses its tech superiority to neutralise all Pak assets involved in cross-LoC firing. There are several areas where we have domination due to terrain configuration; this must be exploited. However, we also need to safeguard our internal security to ensure that events such as Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra and the Char Dham Yatra are conducted safely. Pakistan, after all, has no remorse about the targets it chooses.

Two Women Officers And The Idea Of India

It's an image for the ages. At the first govt briefing about the precision strikes against Pakistan-based terror hubs, Indians got to see a powerful snapshot of the way of life that Operation Sindoar was launched to protect. It was in two languages. Both sexes were represented. Flanking foreign secretary Vikram Misri were two soldiers, both women, one Muslim and one Hindu. Namely, Colonel Sofiya Qureshi of the Indian army and Wing Commander Vyomika Singh of

the Indian air force.

The particular heinousness of the Pahalgam attack lay in how it segregated the men and the women, the Hindus and Muslims, the tourists from the locals. The intention was crudely clear: To undermine one thing: Indian society's idea of itself as united and strong. Images of officers Qureshi and Singh told the world how steadily, enduring and magnificent this idea of India is. It is possible that the press briefing left Pakistan as stunned as the

precision strikes.

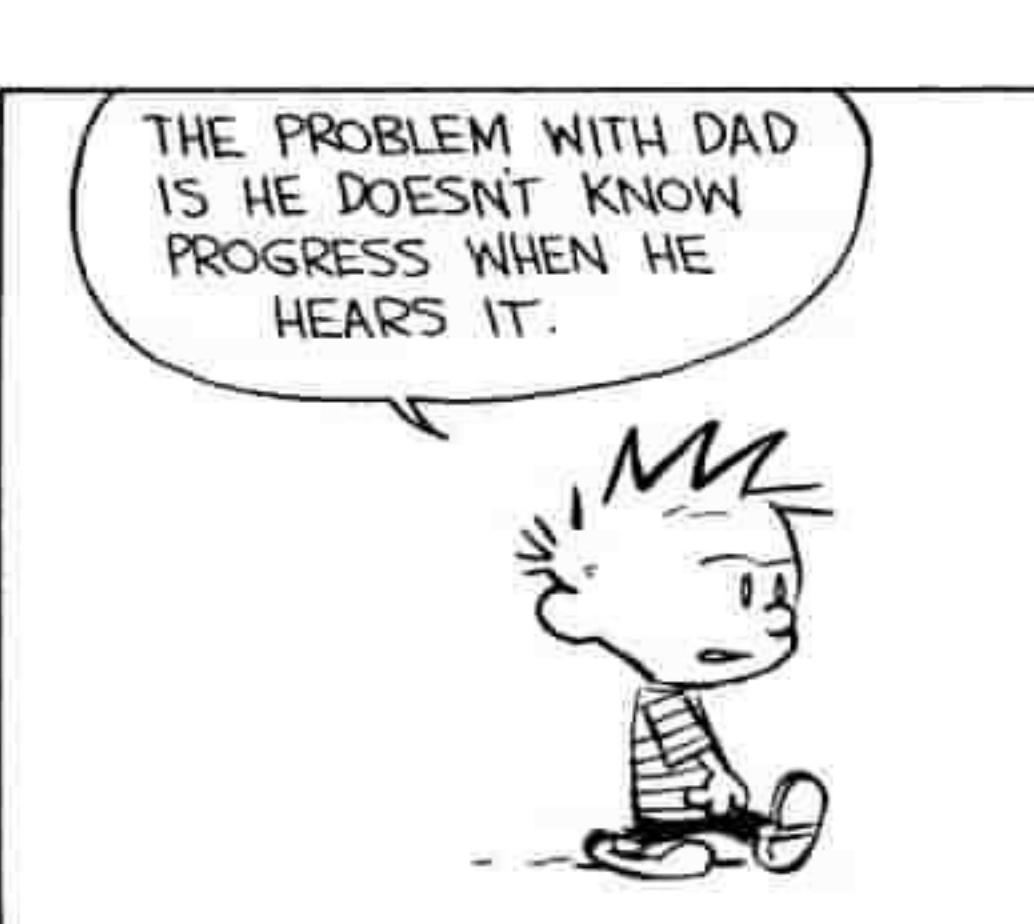
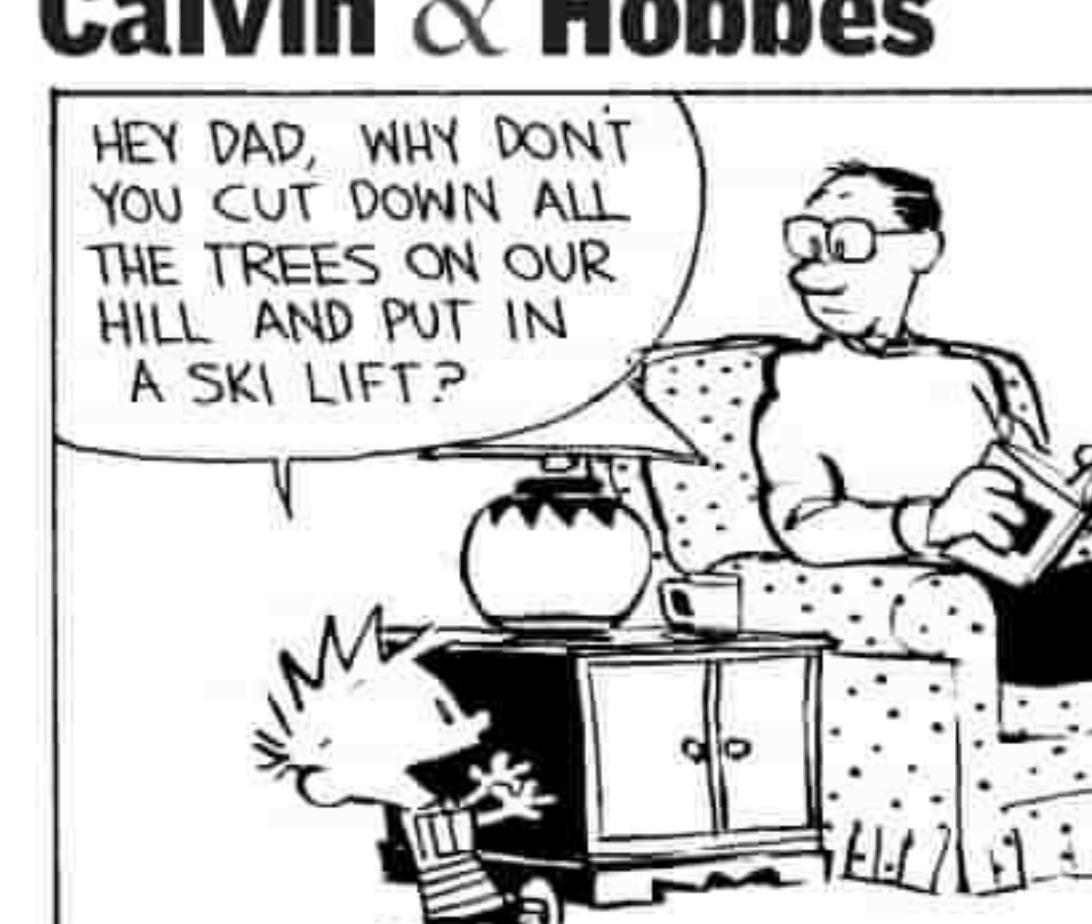
The confident but sober disposition of the Indian women officers would be foreign, even offensive, to many in Pakistan. Deepening radicalisation hasn't just deprived women and men of autonomy there, it has brought fractiousness even to Pak army ranks.

Their ability to defend themselves has been hollowing alongside what they are defending. In their determined hugging of an imagined past, Pakistanis have kept falling behind forward-

looking Indians. As a national identity gets trapped in fear, anxiety and hatred, everything that's attractive about it drains away.

The constitutionality that has arrested the communal arc in India has also enabled the kind of human flourishing that Colonel Qureshi and Wing Commander Singh represent. This inclusivity and excellence is the best part of us. This is what we are fighting to defend. It is pretty special not just in South Asia, but in the whole world.

Calvin & Hobbes



Sacred space

Patriotism cannot be our final spiritual shelter; my refuge is humanity. I will not buy glass for the price of diamonds, and I will never allow patriotism to triumph over humanity as long as I live.

Rabindranath Tagore

How To Get What You Want

Swami Chinmayananda

A question that often arises is: Are desires fulfilled by power of the mind concentrating in a particular direction, or by the deity or evil spirit worshipped by the individual? The Lord has declared in the Bhagavad Gita, "I don't give anyone anything, because in My hand, there is nothing. It is all your delusion."

When your mind approaches an altar demanding something, the Lord increases your sankalp shakti, your willpower. When you work with greater faith in a given profession, your dexterity, self-confidence, belief in yourself, and your faith in the profession increase.

You and I consider it God's grace through which we attained what we wanted. True. But God does not distribute His grace unequally, giving more to those who serve Him! It is as if Narayana has a 'desire' to enjoy your kirtan and puja. When He is pleased and happy with your puja, He quietly throws one packet to you, not to the other fellow who is not doing it.

When you fix your mind on any topic, your devotion, faith, and confidence increase: "I will get it, I will get it, I will get it!" With atmava, inner strength, you say: "It is not for me; this is the Lord's will; it will happen; it will bless everybody!"



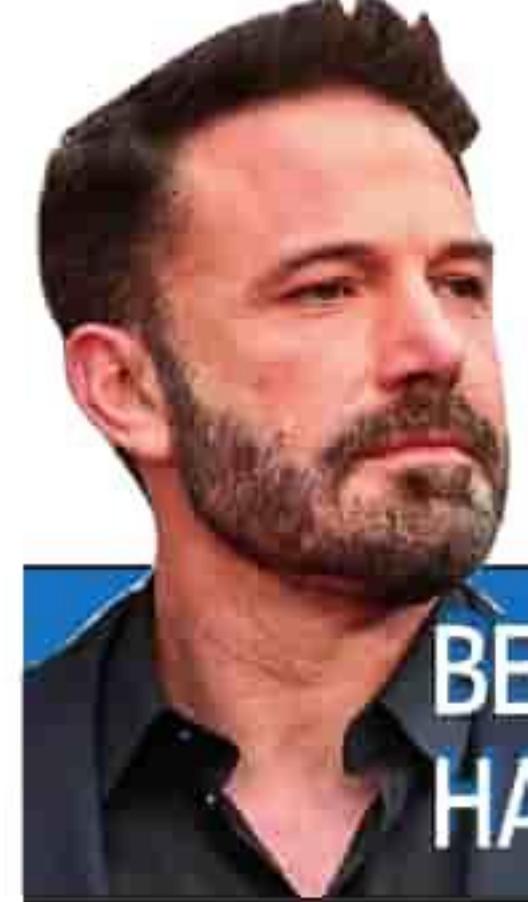
Then it will happen. This sankalp shakti is lost when the mind is distracted. When you desire one thing, 10,000 others surface, and the mind is disintegrated. The mind is like Aladdin's wonderful lamp. Rub it, and the genie appears, ready to do anything you order. He asks, "Master, what do you want?" You tell him your immediate need – a cup of tea. The genie turns around to bring the tea. But you call him again, and he returns for your instructions. "Make sure it's hot!" Yes, Master," he says and turns around. Again, you call, "Genie! Add a good amount of milk and sugar." Once again, the genie turns, but you call

out, "Don't forget to bring hot pakoras to go with the tea." Now the genie is like a top swirling around in the same place. He cannot do anything because the sankalp lacks consistency. When hundreds of sankalps erupt together, nothing is accomplished.

If you make your mind single-pointed and approach the Higher at an altar, you will develop more faith, and when you have sufficient strength of sankalp, it will happen!

So, be an instrument in His hands – nimitta-matram bhava savya-sachin. It is your ego that makes a fool of you. Surrender it and see the Spirit expressing itself more vividly through you.

The writer is founder, Chinmaya Mission. May it is Chinmaya Jayanti.



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Israel discussed a US-led admin for Gaza with Washington: Report

Plan Found Similar To A Proposal Made To Iraq After Saddam's Ouster

Jerusalem: The US and Israel have discussed the possibility of Washington leading a temporary post-war administration of Gaza, according to five people familiar with the matter.

The "high-level" consultations have centred around a transitional govt headed by a US official that would oversee Gaza until it had been demilitarised and stabilised, and a viable Palestinian administration had emerged, the sources said. According to the discussion, which remain preliminary, there would be no fixed timeline for how long such a US-led administration would last, which would depend on the situation on the ground.

The sources compared the proposal to the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq that Washington had established in 2003, shortly after the US-headed invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein. The authority was perceived by many Iraqis as an occupying force and it transferred power to an interim Iraqi govt in 2004 after failing to contain a growing insurgency. Other countries would be invited to take part in the US-led authority in Gaza, the sources said, without identifying which ones.

They said the administration would draw on Palestinian technocrats but would exclude Islamist group Hamas and the Palestinian Authority, which holds limited authority in the occupied West Bank. Islamist group Hamas, which has governed Gaza since 2007, sparked the current war when its



An April 7 photo of Trump with Israeli PM Netanyahu in Washington

Report: Trump plans to announce US will call Persian Gulf Arabian Gulf

Washington: President Trump plans to announce while on his trip to Saudi Arabia next week that the US will now refer to the Persian Gulf as the Arabian Gulf or the Gulf of Arabia, two US officials told AP on Tuesday.

Arab nations have pushed for a change to the geographic name of the body of water off the southern coast of Iran, while Iran has maintained its historic ties to the gulf. The US officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive matters.

The White House and National Security Council didn't immediately respond to messages seeking comment.

China's state council did not immediately reply to a faxed request for comment.

"My sense is this will be about de-escalation," Bessent told Fox News after the announcement. "We've got to de-escalate before we can move forward." A Chinese commerce ministry spokesperson later confirmed China had agreed to meet the US envoys. REUTERS

US, China to hold ice-breaker trade talks in Geneva on Sat

Washington/Beijing: US

treasury secretary Scott Bessent and chief trade negotiator Jamieson Greer will meet China's economic tsar He Feng in Switzerland this weekend for talks that could be the first step toward resolving a trade war disrupting the global economy. News of the planned Geneva meeting, first announced by Washington late Tuesday, sent US equity index futures higher. Stock markets in China and Hong Kong followed suit during Asian trading on Wednesday.

The talks come after weeks of escalating tensions that have seen duties on goods imports between the world's two largest economies soar well beyond 100%, amounting to what Bessent on Tuesday described as the equivalent of

militants stormed into southern Israeli communities on Oct 7, 2023, killing some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and capturing another 251.

The sources said it remained unclear whether any agree-

ment could be reached. The sources did not specify which side had put forward the proposal nor provide further details of the talks. A state department spokesperson did not comment directly on whether there

had been discussions with Israel about a US-led provisional authority in Gaza, saying they could not speak to ongoing negotiations. The office of Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu also declined to comment. REUTERS

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Biden said he worried that relations between the US and Europe was eroding under Trump, with NATO member nations reconsidering whether they trust the US. "Europe is going to lose confidence in the certainty of America and the leadership of America," Biden told the BBC. Of special concern, Biden said, was the administration's proposal to let Russia keep some Ukrainian territory in an effort

to strike a peace deal that would put an end to fighting. "It is modern-day appeasement," Biden said. Biden said Trump's thrashing of Ukrainian President Zelensky in the Oval Office in Feb was "beneath America." "I don't understand how they fail to understand that there's strength in alliances," Biden said of the Trump administration on Monday.

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Trump has long dismissed the war in Ukraine as a waste of lives and American taxpayer money. Early in his presidency, Trump ordered a pause in

Ukrainian territory in an effort

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Israeli official says 24 hostages alive in Gaza after Trump says number's 21 now

Second US navy jet lost off USS Truman in 2 wks

For the second time in less than two weeks, a US Navy fighter jet from the aircraft carrier Harry S Truman has been lost in the Red Sea.

The jet was landing on the flight deck of the Truman on Tuesday when the aircraft's arrestment system, which helps the aircraft stop on the runway, failed, "causing the aircraft to go overboard". The two pilots aboard the plane, an F/A-18 Super Hornet fighter jet worth at least \$67 million, ejected and sustained minor injuries. They were rescued by a helicopter.

A week ago, another F/A-18 Super Hornet and a tow tractor fell off the Truman when the crew lost control of the plane.

That mishap occurred when the carrier was maneuvering to better position itself against the threat of Houthi missiles and drones. REUTERS

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-Bhuvneshwar Kumar | RCB pacer

ROHIT GIVES UP TEST CRICKET

Told Selectors He Wanted To Relinquish Captaincy, Take Call After Two Tests In Eng; Will Continue To Lead In ODIs For Now

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New Delhi: Rohit Sharma has announced his retirement from Test cricket just days before the national selection committee gets together to pick the team for the upcoming five-Test series in England. TOI has learnt that Rohit last week conveyed to the Indian cricket board (BCCI) and selectors that they should not consider him as captain for the tour.

"Hello everyone, I would just like to share that I am retiring from Test cricket. It's been an absolute honour to represent my country in whites. Thank you for all the love and support over the years. I will continue to represent India in the ODI format," Rohit posted on Instagram with a picture of his Test cap on Wednesday evening.

He had retired from T20Is after leading the team to the T20 World Cup triumph last year. The BCCI later tweeted that Rohit would continue to be India's ODI skipper.

Rohit made up his mind to give up Test cricket after a week of discussions with the selectors. Rohit initially wanted to see where he stood in red ball cricket after the first two Tests in England and then take a call on his career.

"Rohit himself offered to relinquish Test captaincy. Last week, he communicated to selectors that they should be looking for other options. He wanted to test himself out in the first two Tests. However, the selectors weren't comfortable with that idea," a BCCI source told TOI.

The selectors met Rohit and head coach Gautam Gambhir was kept in the loop. It was conveyed to Rohit that this arrangement would unsettle the team, and its leadership, during such a crucial series. Things got ugly for the 38-year-old Rohit when he had to step aside from playing in the New Year's Test in Australia this Jan due to his poor run of form, which had continued from the home Test series against New Zealand. The selectors and the team management were not sure of his place in the playing XI going forward. "He was asked to commit to the entire tour. The selectors and

team management didn't want to deal with chaos in the middle of the tour like it happened with Ravichandran Ashwin on the tour of Australia. Rohit also arrived on the same page and decided to call it quits," the source said.

Selectors looking for long-term captain

There have been suggestions that Jasprit Bumrah and Virat Kohli could be considered as a stop-gap arrangement for the England tour. However, the team management and selectors are convinced that they need a long-term solution going into the next cycle of the World Test Championship.

Shubman Gill and Rishabh Pant are in pole position, with the selectors unsure about Bumrah's ability to endorse a long Test series. With Gill's Test record still average, besides him strug-

ROHIT IN TESTS

	T	I	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	SR
Overall	67	116	10	4301	212	40.57	12	18	57.05
In wins	36	59	7	2985	212	57.40	12	9	62.20
Home	34	55	6	2535	212	51.73	10	8	65.77
Away	33	61	4	1766	127	30.98	2	10	47.93
In 2024	14	26	1	619	131	24.76	2	2	63.03
As captain	24	41	1	1254	131	30.58	4	4	61.32
When not captain	43	74	9	3047	212	46.87	8	14	55.47

POOR RUN IN LAST 3 SERIES

	T	I	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	SR
Overall	8	15	0	164	52	10.93	0	1	57.14
vs Bang. 2024	2	4	0	42	23	10.50	0	0	95.45
vs NZ 2024	3	6	0	91	52	15.16	0	1	68.42
vs Aus 2024	3	5	0	31	10	6.20	0	0	28.18

—Stats: Rajesh Kumar

1 Rohit is the only batter to hit his first 12 Test centuries in a winning cause.

1 Rohit is the only opener to hit centuries in his first two Test innings, in the first Test vs SA in Vizag in 2019.

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Brevis hits 22-ball fifty as CSK escape to victory

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Pradip Datta

Kolkata: Kolkata Knight Riders' hopes of making the playoffs hung by a thread as they suffered a two-wicket defeat to Chennai Super Kings in their last league match here at the Eden Gardens on Wednesday.

The defending champions have only themselves to blame as they allowed the bottom-placed team CSK, chasing 180 to win, escape to victory even after reducing them to 62/5 at the end of the Powerplay.

With 11 points from 12 matches, KKR, with two more away games to play, can at best finish with 15 points. However, they will then have to wait for other results to go in their favour to progress. The match tilted in CSK's favour in the 11th over when Dewald Brevis cut loose, collecting 30 runs off Vaibhav Arora, hitting three sixes and three fours to

Impressive knock: Brevis in action on Wednesday

race to his 50 off 22 balls.

But it was poor game reading by the South African youngster as he fell trying to clear Varun Chakravarthy in the very next over when the asking rate was just a little over a run-a-ball.

But in spite of being nowhere near his best, no one knows how to negotiate such

a situation better than Mahendra Singh Dhoni. The CSK skipper and impact player Shivam Dube kept the scoreboard ticking without taking unnecessary risk. CSK then needed 40 runs in the last 30 balls.

Dube found the occasional boundaries as the duo brought the side back to winning path after four consecutive defeats, getting 183 for eight with two balls to spare.

Earlier, the CSK spinners

SCOREBOARD

KKR: R Gurbaz c Noor b Kamboj 11, S Narine st Dhoni b Noor 26, A Rahane c Conway b Jadeja 48. A Raghuvaran c Dhoni b Noor 1, M Pandey not out 36, A Russell c Brevis b Noor 38, R Singh c Mhatre b Noor 9, R not out 4; Extras: (lb4, w2); Total (6 wkts) 179; FoW: 1-11, 2-69, 3-71, 4-103, 5-149, 6-167; Bowling: Khalil 2-0-14-0, Kamboj 3-0-38-1, Ashwin 3-0-19-0, Noor 4-0-31-4, Jadeja 4-0-34-1, Pathirana 4-0-39-0, Russell 4-0-22-0.

CSK: A Mhatre c Harshit b Arora 0, D

Conway b Ali 0, U Patel c Varun b Harshit 31, R Jadeja c Raghuvaran b Harshit 8, R Jadeja b Chakravarthy 19, D Brevis c Rinku b Chakravarthy 52, S Dube c Rinku b Arora 45, MS Dhoni not out 17, N Ahmad c Rinku b Arora 2, A Kamboj not out 4; Extras (lb1, w4); Total : (8 wkts in 19.4 overs) 183; FoW: 1-1, 2-25, 3-37, 4-56, 5-60, 6-127, 7-170, 8-172; Bowling: Arora 3-0-48-3, Ali 2-0-23-1, Harshit 4-0-43-2, Chakravarthy 4-0-18-2, Narine 4-0-28-0, Russell 2-0-22-0.

Result: CSK won by two wickets

did well to restrict the hosts to 179/6 after Ajinkya Rahane elected to bat first in a must-win game for them. It was the CSK spinners, bowling in tandem in the middle overs, who managed to put the brakes on KKR after they had got to 67/1 in the Powerplay.

However, Rahane and Manish Pandey tried to consolidate things by stitching together a 32-run fourth-wicket stand, but the KKR skipper fell playing a reverse sweep off

broke the 58-run first-wicket stand between Rahane and Sunil Narine by having the latter stumped by Dhoni off his first delivery. He followed it up by getting Angkrisch Raghuvaran caught behind off the fourth ball of the over.

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HOW THEY STAND

TEAM	M	W	L	NR	NRR	PTS
GT	11	8	3	0	0.793	16
RCB	11	8	3	0	0.482	16
PBKS	11	7	3	1	0.376	15
MI	12	7	5	0	1.156	14
DC	11	6	4	1	0.362	13
KKR	12	5	6	1	0.193	11
LSG	11	5	6	0	-0.469	10
SRH	11	3	7	1	-1.192	7
RR	12	3	9	0	-0.718	6
CSK	12	3	9	0	-0.992	6

141 Ravindra Jadeja has become the leading wicket-taker for CSK in the IPL, tallying 141 (avg. 28.41) in 184 matches, overtaking Glenn Maxwell's 140 wickets at 22.47 in 116 games.

Ravindra Jadeja straight to Conway at backward point. Rahane fell two runs short of his half-century.

MI TEAM AND GT'S NEHRA FINED FOR BREACHING IPL CODE OF CONDUCT

Mumbai: Mumbai Indians captain Hardik Pandya and his team were handed hefty fines for maintaining a slow over rate, while their rival side Gujarat Titans' head coach Ashish Nehra also copped a financial penalty and a demerit point for conduct "contrary to the spirit of the game" in their IPL clash here. "As it was his team's second offence of the

season under the IPL's Code of Conduct relating to minimum over-rate offences, Pandya was fined Rs 24 lakh," the IPL said in a statement.

The rest of the MI team, including the impact player and concussion substitute, were each fined either Rs 6 lakh or 25 per cent of their respective match fees, whichever is lesser. PTI

PONTING CALLS OWEN, MAXWELL'S REPLACEMENT, 'EXCITING PACKAGE'

Dharamshala: Australian all-rounder Mitchell Owen will be joining the Punjab Kings squad for the remainder of the IPL 2025 season. He will replace Glenn Maxwell, who was ruled out of the tournament after sustaining a finger injury, as reported by the franchise.

"I think we're all very happy to add Mitchell Owen to our squad for the back end of this season. He's someone that I've

watched very closely, especially over the last 12 months," head coach Ricky Ponting said in a PBKS release. "He's a very exciting player, a very exciting package."

Joining the Kings for Rs. 3 crore, the 23-year-old Owen has scored a total of 646 runs and picked up 10 wickets in 34 T20 matches. He also has two centuries to his name, with a highest score of 108. ANI

Chhetri continues, young Suhail Bhat gets a chance

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Panaji: India coach Manolo Marquez will continue to experiment with new striking options for the national team but it's hard to ignore veteran Sunil Chhetri. Chhetri has been included among the probables for the international friendly against Thailand (June 4) and the Asian Cup qualifier against Hong Kong (June 10).

India's most capped and highest goal scorer was coaxed out of retirement by coach Manolo for the Asian Cup 2027 qualifier against Bangladesh in March. He could not get on the score-sheet in the qualifier, but his presence on and off the field matters. Chhetri, 40, continues to be in impressive form, and proved himself with 14 goals in this season's ISL.

India is in group C for the final round of the AFC Asian Cup 2027 qualifiers along with Bangladesh, Hong Kong and Singapore. The qualifiers are played in a home-and-away round robin format.

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Jemimah's blazing ton takes India to final



CRAZY BOYS: Davide Frattesi won a tie for the ages under a downpour in Milan

Second final in three seasons: It took extra time, two astonishing comebacks and 13 goals to separate the Italian champions from a flashy, young Barcelona

INTER IS COMING!

Milan: Inter Milan are one victory away from Champions League redemption after Tuesday's chaotic, mesmerising win over Barcelona which propelled the Italians into their second final in three seasons.

Simone Inzaghi's team had been in a fragile state in recent weeks after their treble bid went up in smoke, surrendering top spot in Serie A to Napoli and being dumped out of the Italian Cup by local rivals AC Milan. But beating star-studded Barca, and the incredible manner in which they did it, has completely changed the atmosphere at Inter who are now bullish about their chances of being crowned kings of Europe for the fourth time.

Inter will take on either Arsenal or Paris Saint-Germain in Munich knowing their task will be nowhere near as difficult as it was two years ago, when they were narrowly beaten by possibly the best Manchester City team of the Pep Guardiola era. That single-goal defeat to City in Istanbul was a bitter one for Inter who felt they were the better team on the night.

"We've been thinking about this since the day after we lost the last final," said captain Lautaro Martinez, almost sobbing.

Inter have always had the reputation of being an anarchic, crazy club, as cap-

ble of snatching defeat from the jaws of victory as they are winning major titles.

Their 7-6 triumph over Barca, which flipped one way and the next over the course of two barely believable legs, fully lived up to their nickname of "Pazza (mad) Inter".

Martinez had been a doubt right until the eve of the match but recovered from a hamstring injury in time to both score and win a penalty which gave Inter their 2-0 half-time lead. "The first two days (after getting injured in the first leg) I just sat at home crying, but I promised my family that I would get on the pitch today." And Francesco Acerbi would ordinarily get a nosebleed being as far forward as he was to send the tie into extra-time with his first ever Champions League goal, at 37 years old, just as it looked like Raphinha had sealed a stunning comeback win for Barca.

The Catalans could barely believe what they were seeing when super-sub Davide Frattesi guided home his extra-time winner, frustrated at how their at times untouchable play failed to bear its expected fruit.

If anything Tuesday's win felt like a mark of destiny for a grand old team who have had to battle desperate financial difficulties and an enforced change of ownership. AFP

66 There has been talk about Yamal, I have seen another extraordinary player who is De Jong. (But) I wouldn't change mine for anyone in the world."

—Simone Inzaghi, INTER MILAN COACH

14 Yann Sommer made 14 saves across the two legs in total, the second most by any goalkeeper in a Champions League semi-final over the last 15 years. He was also 'player of the match'.

KEY MOMENTS

21'	Lautaro puts hosts into the lead
45+1'	Calhanoglu doubles advantage from the spot
54'	Eric Garcia volley offers Barcelona hope
57'	Sommer superbly denies Garcia a second
60'	Olmo heads Barca level
87'	Raphinha completes comeback for visitors
90+3'	Acerbi strikes at the death to force extra time
99'	Frattesi curls Inter back ahead
114'	Sommer's brilliant save denies Lamine Yamal

Semifinal 2nd leg: INTER MILAN 4 (Martinez 21', Calhanoglu 45'+1 (p), Acerbi 90'+3, Frattesi 99') BARCELONA 3 (Garcia 54', Olmo 60', Raphinha 87') Inter win after extra time on aggregate (7-6)

Most goals in a CL KO tie:
7-6 This was the joint-highest scoring CL knockout tie ever.
● Inter 7-6 Barcelona (2024-25 semifinals)
● Liverpool 7-6 Roma (2017-18 semifinals)
● Bayern Munich 12-1 Sporting (2008-09, last 16)



“I was celebrating so much I was dizzy and nearly had a blackout. I thought after the Bayern game I couldn't ever feel the same emotions, but tonight was even more incredible. I wasn't blessed with incredible talent, but I am the last to give up and first to believe.” —SUPERSUB Davide Frattesi

Heartbroken Barca take pride in stellar show

Milan: Hansi Flick's brilliant young Barcelona side won hearts and re-established themselves at Europe's top table, but fell agonisingly short of reaching the Munich final after one of the competition's greatest semifinals.

Dusting themselves down from their painful elimination, Barca will take pride in knowing the club are closer than ever to ending their decade-long drought in the continent's premier competition. For the first time since 2019 the Catalans made the final four, but they were dreaming of more — a first Champions League trophy since 2015 and a potential quadruple. "The players deserve respect, but we are playing for trophies," said Flick, not content with merely restoring Barcelona's status among the elite.

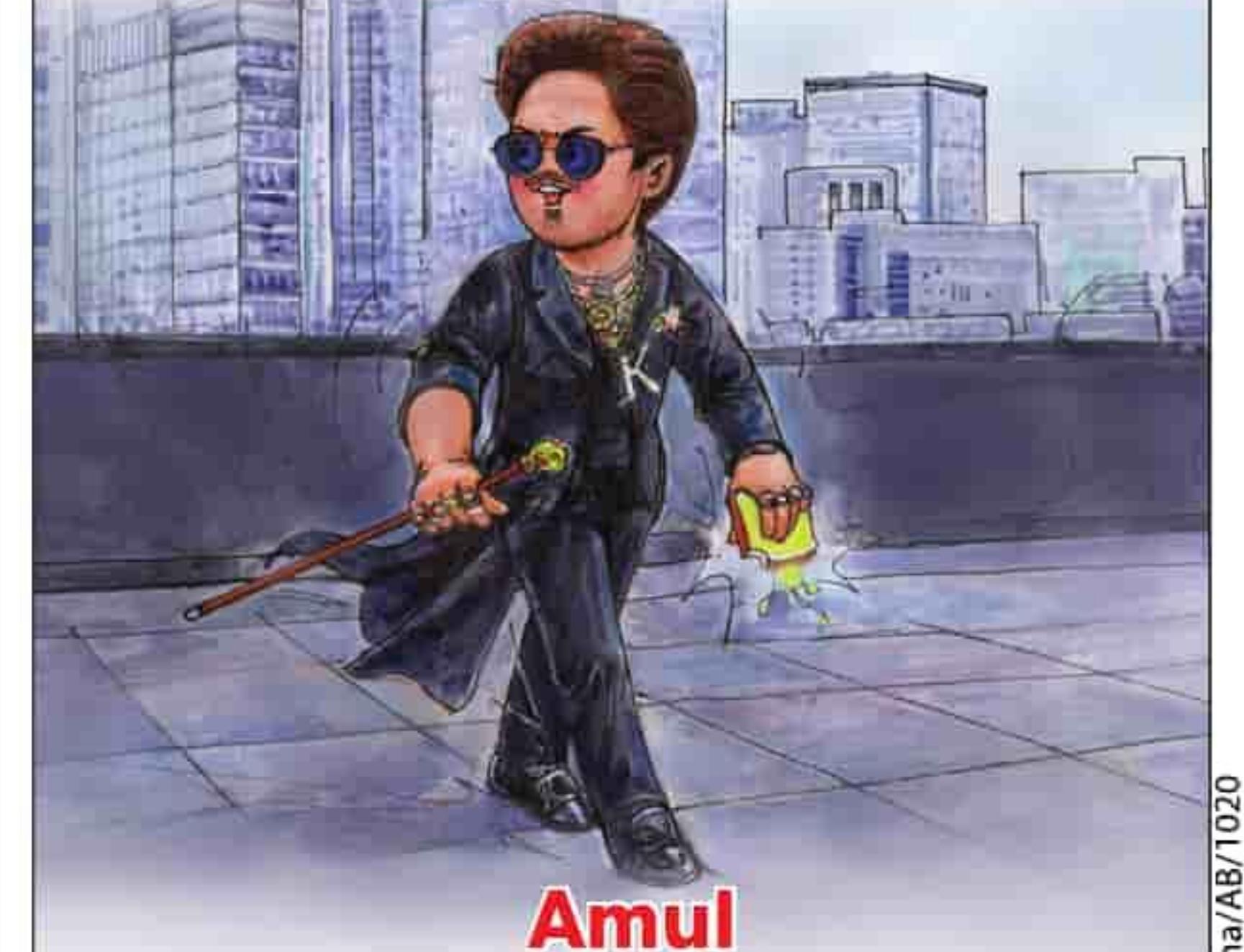
Barcelona were two minutes away from booking their flights to Munich on the night at the San Siro in the pouring rain, but Francesco Acerbi's 93rd minute strike forced extra-time before Davide Frattesi won it for the hosts.

Arguably the best player in both legs was 17-year-old Yamal, but he showed his inexperience in stoppage time before Acerbi struck. Ramping down the right, Yamal crashed a shot against the post when he might have had room for the corner flag.

In the first-half 18-year-old Pau Cubarsi, another graduate of Barcelona's La Masia academy, conceded a penalty with a risky challenge on Lautaro Martinez. "We have a young team and we will improve of course," Flick said.

"We'll be back," Yamal wrote on Instagram. "I will fulfil my promise and bring (the Champions League) to Barcelona." AFP

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Bodo/Glimt have a secret weapon

67 There were a total of 67 goals scored in Barcelona's 14 CL matches this season.

2015 Barca last played in a CL final in 2015, when a team led by Messi won the club's fifth trophy.

WE HAVE ANOTHER FINAL ON SUNDAY AND WE HAVE TO STICK TOGETHER.

— BARCELONA'S Lamine Yamal ON THE LA LIGA CLASICO 'DECIDER'

66 We are a young side and we have to mature. We have to improve in defence and in other aspects. This game is over and now we have to pick ourselves up and look ahead as we have the Clasico coming up. I will wake the team up.

"I don't want to talk too much about the referee, but every decision that was 50-50 went (Inter's) way." —Hansi Flick, BARCA COACH

I'm very happy, we played an incredible match. Which save will I remember? The last one on Lamine Yamal. He is a great player and fortunately it didn't go in. Many teams would have given up after going down 3-2 but we didn't, and managed to come back."

—Yann Sommer, INTER GOALKEEPER

Located north of the Arctic Circle and needing to deal with brutal weather conditions, Norwegian team Bodo/Glimt has an artificial playing field that's built to handle just about anything. Including much bigger rivals.

That could be bad news for Tottenham Hotspur when the teams meet in the Europa League semi-final second leg. Spurs lead 3-1, but that advantage could look slender once play gets underway at the Aspmyra Stadion in the fishing town of Bodo. It is that artificial surface that seems to be such a leveller for teams unused to playing in Arctic conditions.

Evangelos Marinakis, president of Greek team Olympiakos, was critical after a 3-0 defeat in the Europa League in March, saying "we played on a pitch that is not like other European stadiums". Such pitches were banned in England in 1988 due to higher rates of injuries and inconsistent playability. But UEFA allows approved artificial pitches to be used up to and including the semis.

Both Athletic Bilbao wingers, brothers Nico and Inaki Williams, will miss the second leg of in the other semifinal at Manchester United. AP

Five kilos of fish for a ticket
A Norwegian bartered five kilos of semi-dried fish for a ticket to Thursday's match. Some 50,000 fans were vying for just 480 tickets to the second leg of Bodo/Glimt's Europa League semifinal. REUTERS

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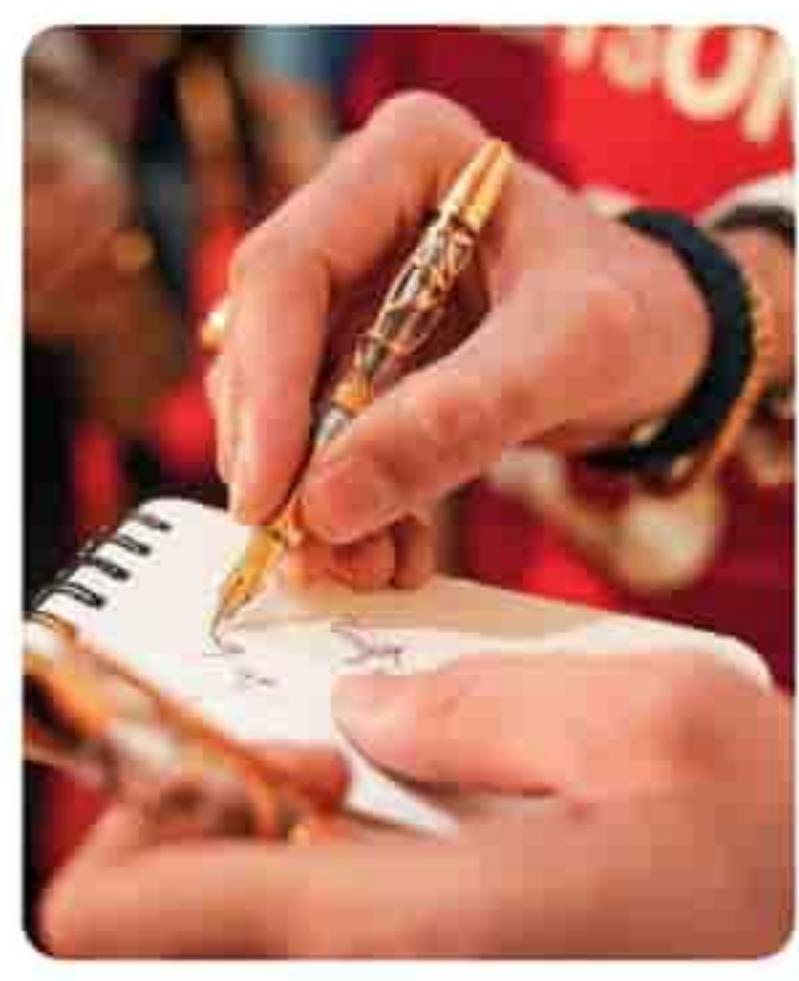
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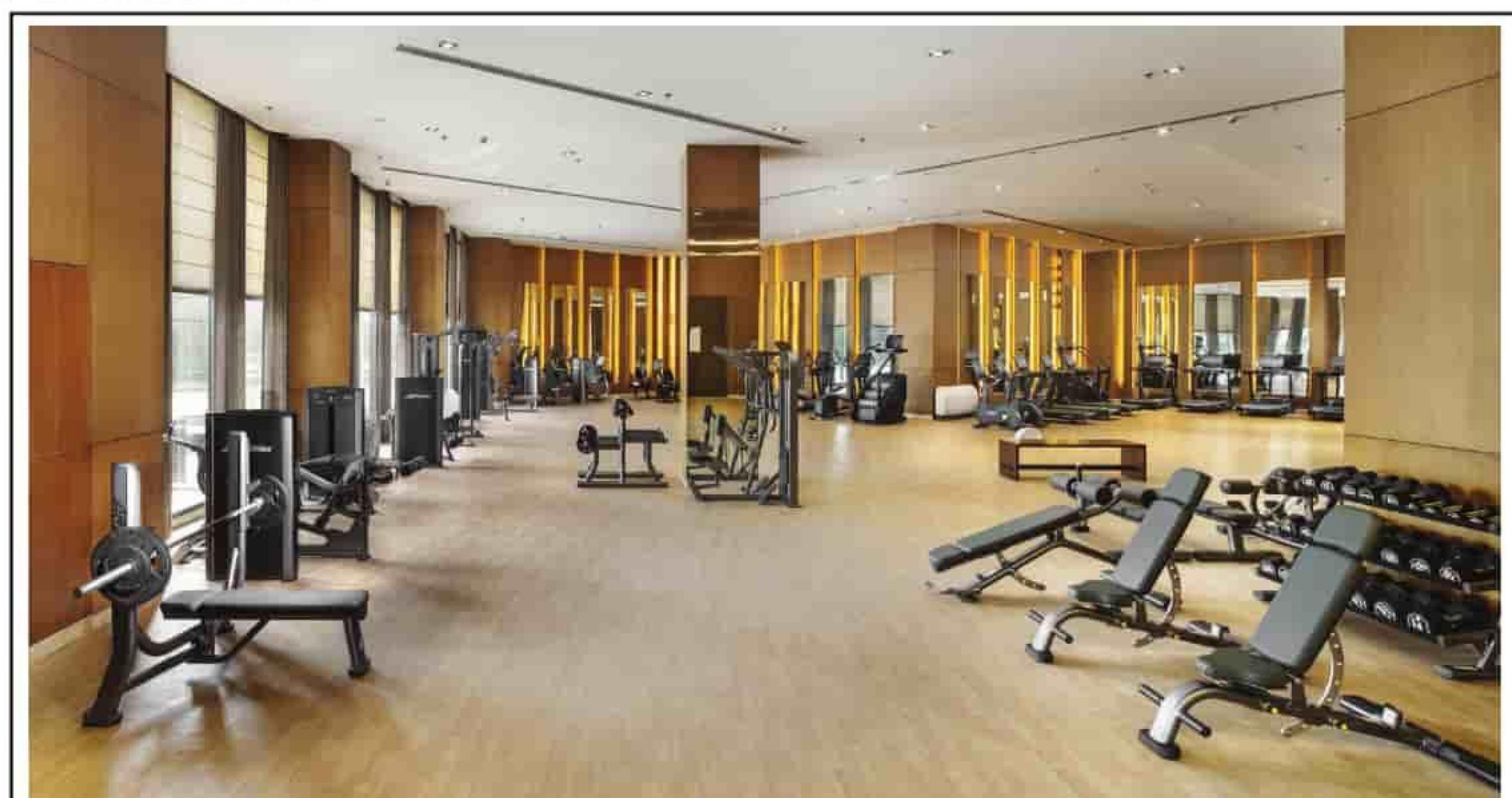
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#OperationSindoor

PAHALGAM'S AVENGERS #JUSTICEISSERVED

The much-anticipated mock drills across the country were preceded by more real action, soon after midnight on the 7th, as the Indian Armed Forces gave a calibrated military response to the Pahalgam massacre. After Indian missiles struck their intended targets, the LoC heated up with cross-border firing. As it always has, the national sentiment stood firmly with the forces. Amidst the sense of retribution and cheer, some also hoped there wouldn't be an escalation, now that the message had been decisively delivered.

'THIS IS THE REAL TRIBUTE'

This is the real tribute to my husband. Wherever my husband is, he will be at peace today (sic)
- Aishanya Dwivedi, wife of late Shubham Dwivedi who was killed in the Pahalgam terror attack

India has avenged the Pahalgam attack through these air strikes. I was extremely emotional after hearing the name (Sindoor) of the mission. The loss of husbands and fathers was not left in vain. India has paid actual homage to the victims by striking. I want to thank for the justice served within 15 days (sic)
- Asavari Jagdale, daughter of Santosh Jagdale, who was killed in the Pahalgam terror attack

A proud India stands united with its armed forces. This is the resolute response of a strong nation that will not be divided by cowardly acts of terror. I applaud the decisive and strategic military action taken by (the) Government of India. Jai Hind
- Kamal Haasan

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War - whether declared or simmering - is never easy. Behind the headlines and hashtags, there's a truth that doesn't make it to the news: lives are at stake. Not just numbers. Not just uniforms. Lives. We've already lost too many
- An officer's wife in a post on Instagram

Operation Sindoor. A soldier remembers. A citizen responds. Here's how you serve your country today – no uniform needed:

- Stand in absolute solidarity with our armed forces. Speak with pride, not panic
- Engage responsibly online. No sarcasm, no unverified forwards. Let truth and respect guide your words

Don't seek or share military movements. Silence, here, is patriotism

- Extend honour to every soldier you meet. A seat. A smile. A thank you. Let them feel seen
- Reject hate speech. Terror divides. India must not
- Support families of soldiers – through actions, funds, or prayers. Let them feel the nation standing behind them

Teach your children what courage looks like – not in blood, but in dignity

- Stay calm. Stay united. Because that is how strong nations rise
- This is our time to hold the line – Not at the border, but in our words, our wisdom, our grace. Jai Hind. (sic)

- Kargil war veteran Major Vandana Sharma on Insta

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In an unexpected moment, a military briefing became a national unifier. As Wing Commander Vyomika Singh and Colonel Sofiya Qureshi led the briefing on Operation Sindoor, viewers were impressed by Col Qureshi's "calm authority" and called it a reminder of what "a united India" truly looks like.

While Wing Commander Vyomika Singh is a distinguished helicopter pilot in the Indian Air Force (IAF), Colonel Sofiya Qureshi is a decorated officer of the Indian Army's Corps of Signals.

Operation Sindoor was launched to give justice to victims of Pahalgam terrorist attack. Nine terrorist camps were targeted and destroyed

COL SOFIYA QUERESHI



India has demonstrated considerable restraint in its response. However, the Indian Armed Forces are fully prepared to respond to a Pakistani misadventure, if any, to escalate the situation

WG CDR VYOMIKA SINGH

I don't know why it hit me so hard, but watching Col Sofia Qureshi briefing the nation on #OperationSindoor, my eyes welled up. Not in pain, but in pride. This is the India I believe in, where duty speaks louder than division and a uniform unites more than any identity ever could.
#IndiaPakistanWar #ColSofiaQureshi

- Mohd Shadab Khan on X

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A few days ago, Lt Gen KJS Dhillon (retd) posted an advisory on X, suggesting citizens avoid posting videos of the movement of the Army, Air Force, and Navy convoys. He wrote, "If you see any movement of Indian Army, Air Force, or Naval troops/vehicles through your town or city, please don't make any videos or reels and NOT post them on social media. You may be unintentionally helping the enemy (sic)."

The proliferation of social media and instant-sharing culture often leads users to post content without realising the implications.

A user on X (@PulsebyShinde) commented on the tweet, "A reminder that patriotism isn't content," which serves as a reminder that citizens must not post sensitive content on social media for mere likes and traction. Another user (@utmost4highest) wrote, "Safeguarding our nation is a collective duty... Even a small post can have serious consequences."

Just say a prayer for every soldier, pilot, airman, sailor and everyone in armed forces, who are standing tall and brave and fighting for us. It's their valour and sacrifices that ensures we are safe. They might have tough days ahead, and need our support and love

- Maj Manik M Jolly, SM, on X

'WAR IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT'

War is not a spectator sport. My dad was part of the Kargil War and I vividly remember how I felt (very similar to the 100s of other children & families who were in this situation too where this was not an abstract thing but very real). It is pretty easy to sit within the comfort of your home & cheer and trivialise destruction + propose solutions to complex geopolitical situations. If you are not truly an expert, do humanity a favour and spare us your hot takes (memes & jokes too) (sic)
- Rashi Kakkar on X



Saoirse Ronan was the first choice to play Scarlet Witch in *Avengers*. Marvel Studios president Kevin Feige had mentioned in interviews that Ronan was their "prototype" for the role, though she ultimately declined the offer.



ENTERTAINMENT

I need to be the new Black James Bond: A\$AP Rocky

Rapper A\$AP Rocky, who is set to share screen-space with veteran star Denzel Washington in an upcoming action film, has opened up on wanting to play "the new Black James Bond". During an interview with *Variety*, Rocky also mentioned that he would love to collaborate with his partner Rihanna, whom he's expecting his third child.

On being asked if he would like to star in more action movies given that he pulled off some of his own stunts for the upcoming film *Highest 2 Lowest*, Rocky, who is expecting his third child with Rihanna, said, "I'm down for whatever. I think I need to be the new Black James Bond. Like, why not? Right now I'm in dad mode; you're gonna have to give me a couple months (sic)."

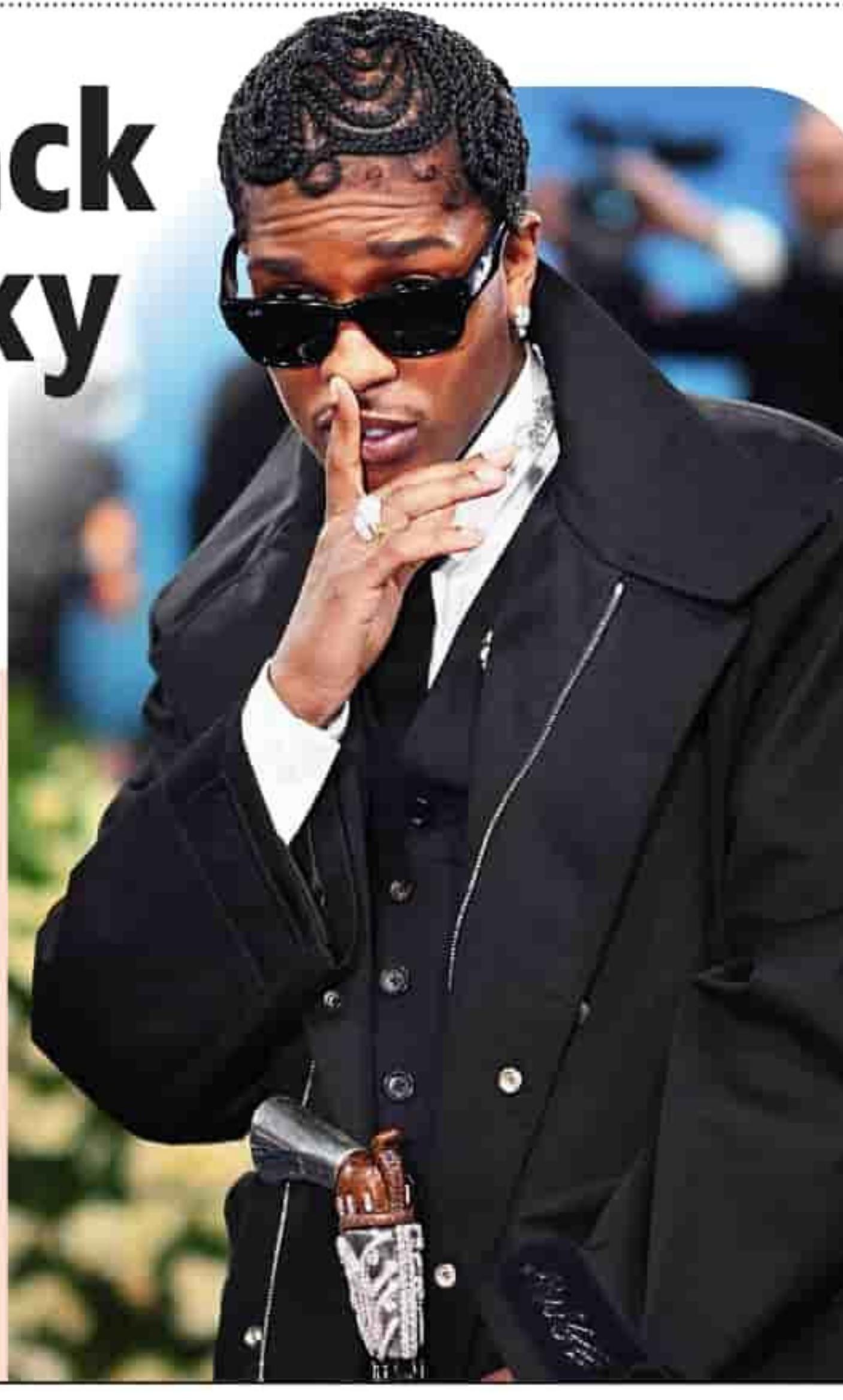
The American rapper was

then asked if he would like to work with Rihanna in a film, to which he replied, "Hell, yeah". While Rocky said he "can't give away" if he would like to star in a romance with her, he did state that he would "more than likely" direct it.

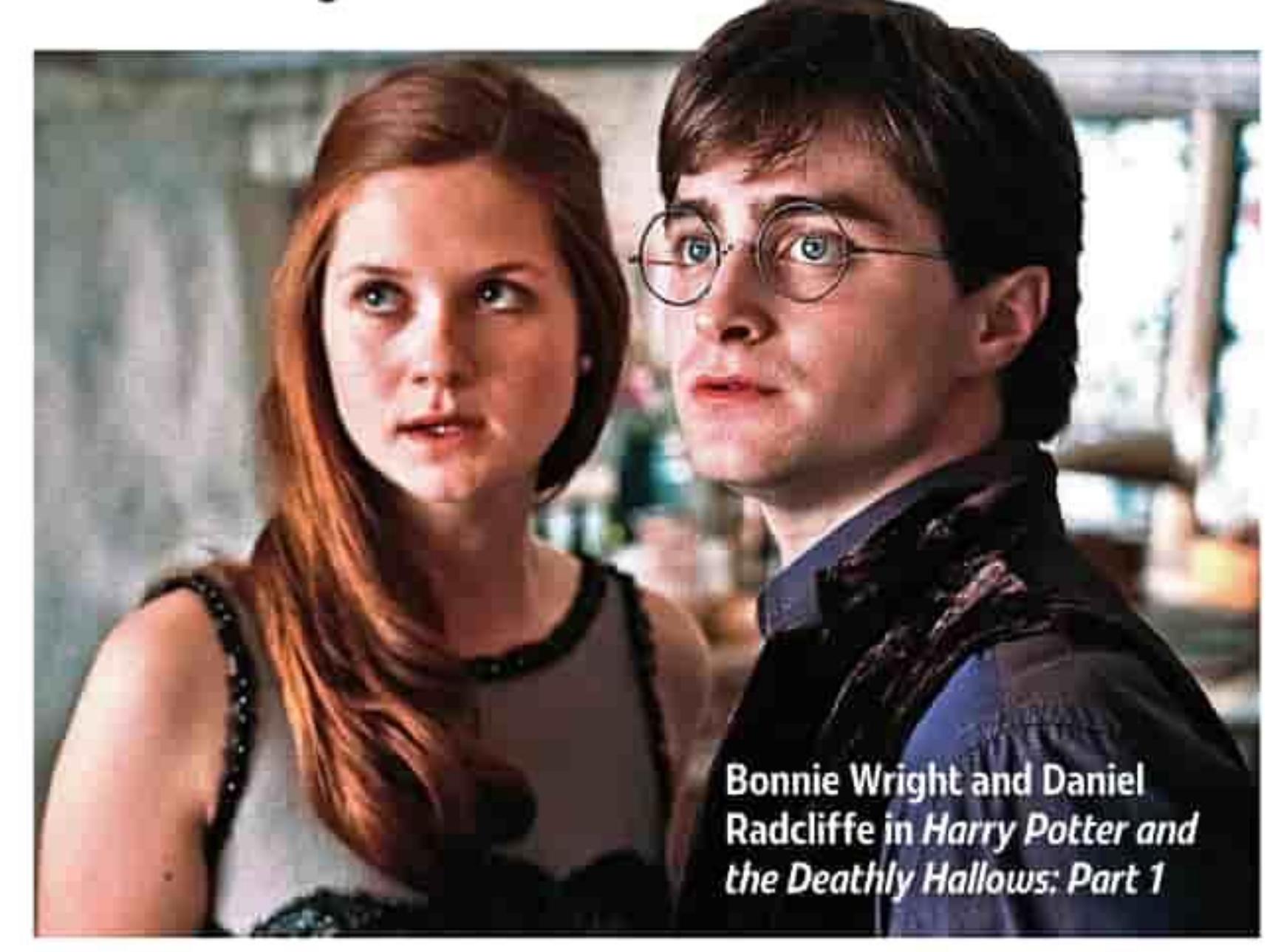
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I'm always gonna be a student, a fan: A\$AP Rocky on working with Denzel Washington

Rocky also gushed to *Variety* about his experience working with Washington on their upcoming film - a reinterpretation of Akira Kurosawa's 1963 crime thriller *High and Low* - calling it "a dream come true". Rocky said, "I'm always gonna be a student and a fan of certain people, and I'm always going to give them their flowers. I'm never going to be too big to be able to say that I had to hold my composure from not fanning out."



Enjoy every minute: Bonnie to cast of new Harry Potter series

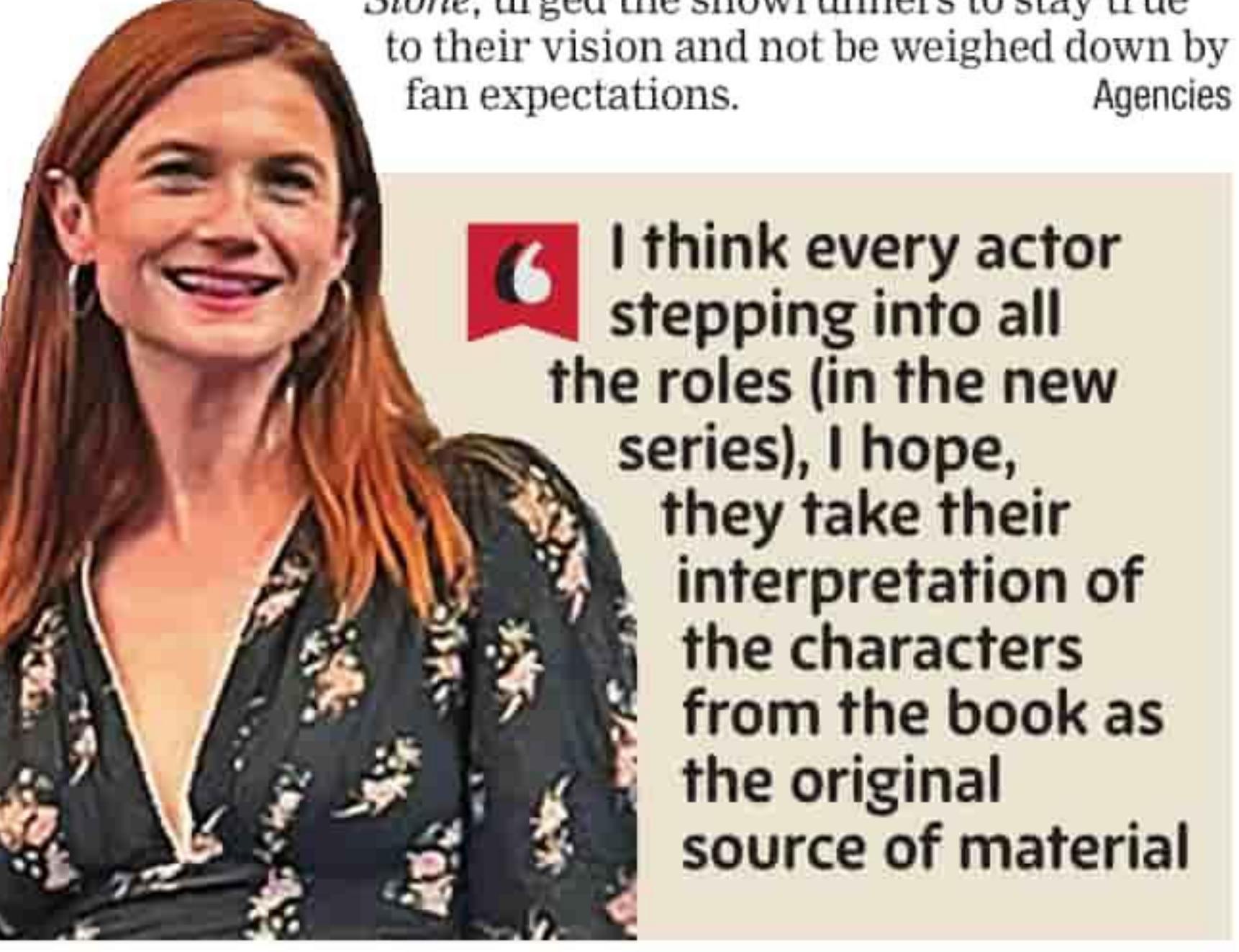


Bonnie Wright and Daniel Radcliffe in *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1*

Bonnie Wright, who played Ginny Weasley in the *Harry Potter* films, has urged the new cast to "enjoy every minute of it." Speaking to *People*, the 34-year-old shared the advice she would give the next Ginny and other actors in the upcoming seven-season reboot of J.K. Rowling's series.

She told the magazine, "I think every actor stepping into all the roles, I hope, they really go from the book and take their interpretation of the characters from the book as the original source of material. And I hope that they do what they wanna do and make their character who they envision it to be. And I think that's what's cool, that other people can give Ginny's character and all the others new life. I guess the only thing I'd say is like, be present in the moment."

Bonnie, who was nine when she first played Ginny in the 2001 film *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, urged the showrunners to stay true to their vision and not be weighed down by fan expectations.



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School Buzz

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NK Bagrodia Public School, Rohini

NK Bagrodia Public School, Rohini hosted its most awaited inter-school mega fest, 'Dharohar – Our Planet, Our Legacy'. A warm welcome address was delivered by school principal, Prashant Parashar B. The school welcomed member of the managing committee, Dinesh Kumar Gupta, special invitee, Manju Gupta, director, Dr Rajeev N Kumar and 12 eminent judges. Over 300 students from various

schools participated in it. A school choir featured Hamari Dharohar an original composition by the music teacher, Lovekesh. In her keynote address, Rajeev N Kumar inspired students to view the preservation of Earth as a collective mission. The show-stealer of the day was 'The Unheard Scrap Symphony', a where students created music using non-musical items. The fest featured six competitions. The rolling trophy was awarded to Modern Public School, Shalimar Bagh. School headmistress Jyotsana Sharma proposed the vote of thanks.

Springdales Junior School, Pusa Road held an inter-house football tournament. Eight houses vied for the top positions under the guidance of sports teachers Jyoti Kaul and Seema Kapoor and coaches Yash Sharma



Springdales School, Pusa Road

and Puneet Singh. In the final match, Amity house won the first position. School headmistress Soma Banerjee gave away the certificates to both the teams.

New Era School, Ghaziabad organised a two-day SSM Memorial tournament. A total number of 85 teams from schools of Ghaziabad, NCR participated in it. The opening of



New Era School, Ghaziabad

the tournament was done in the presence of director Dr Mamta Malik, management head Avi Malik, Neeru head Aarushi Malik and principal Dr Kiran Dilwal. The participating teams took part in the inter-school basketball, volleyball and football tournaments. The basketball tournament saw Nehru World School, Ghaziabad Team A as the winner. In the girls team, Seth Anandram Jaipuria,

Vasundhara was the winner. Volleyball saw M H Public School as the winner in both, boys & girls categories. In the football tournament, Aster Public School marked its victory U-14 category.

DPS International, Saket hosted the English language debate competition 'Point Counterpoint 2025' under the aegis of the DPS Society. Vrinda Sarup, member of the DPS society, was chief guest was welcomed by school principal Savani Rao. The competition was designed over three levels yielding the final top 10 teams. These 10 teams battled it out in the final round where they were given a topic on the spot. DPS Sail Township Ranchi emerged the winner with one of their speakers Darshit Pandit emerging as the best speaker too.



DPS International School, Saket

LEISURE

Level: Medium

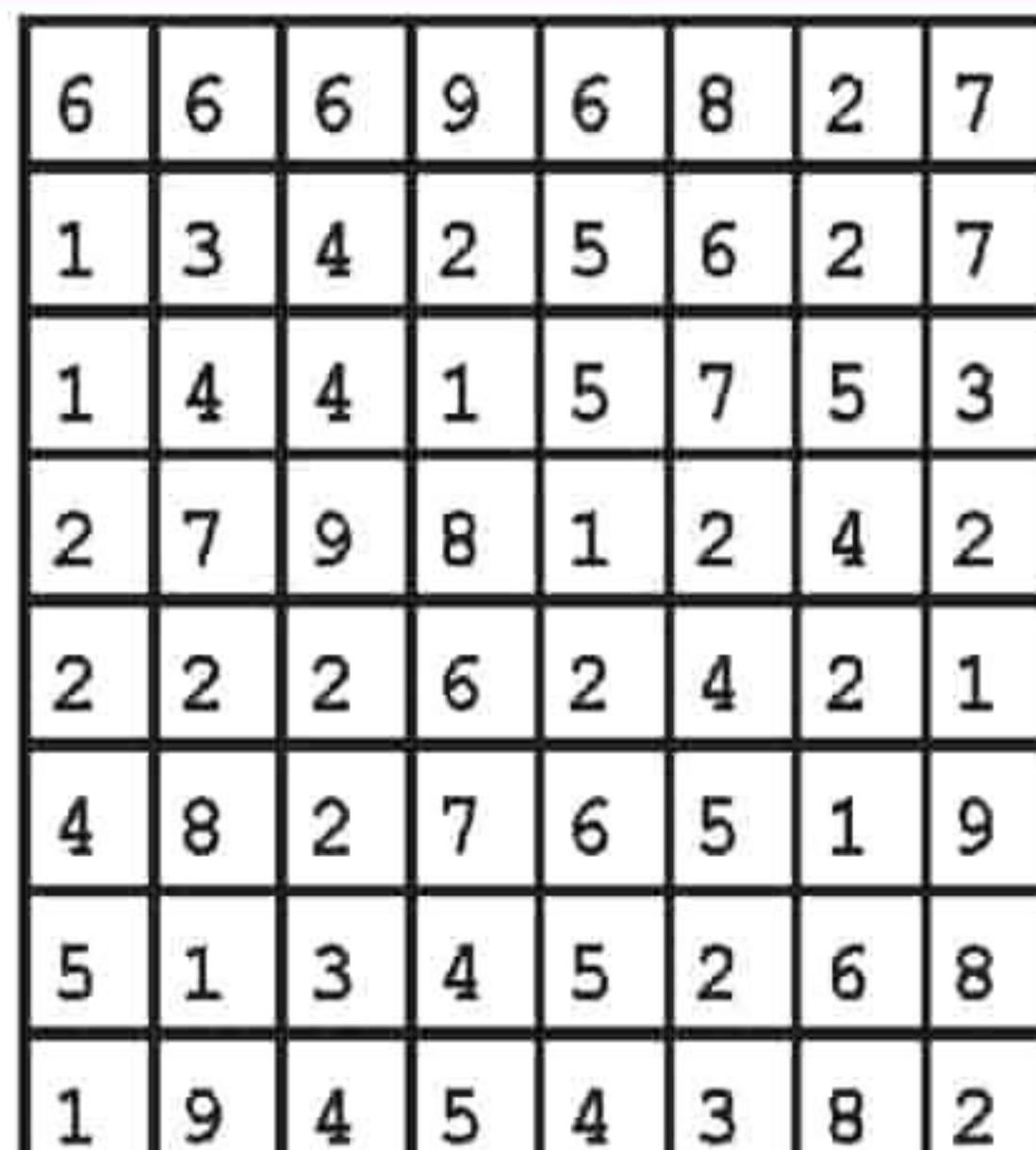
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HOW TO PLAY

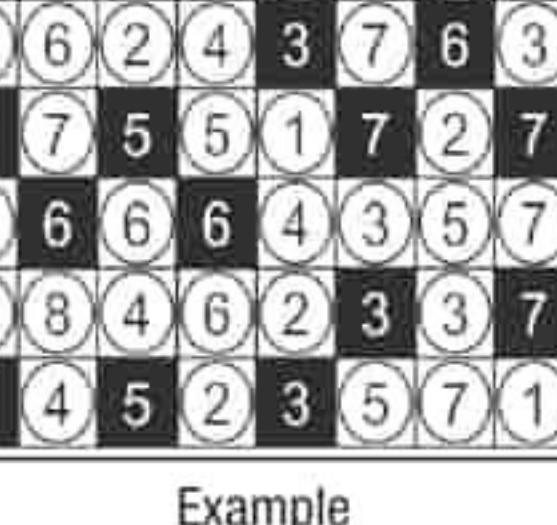
Fill in the grid so that every horizontal row, every vertical column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9, without repeating the numbers in the same row, column or box. You can't change the digits already given in the grid. Every puzzle has one solution.

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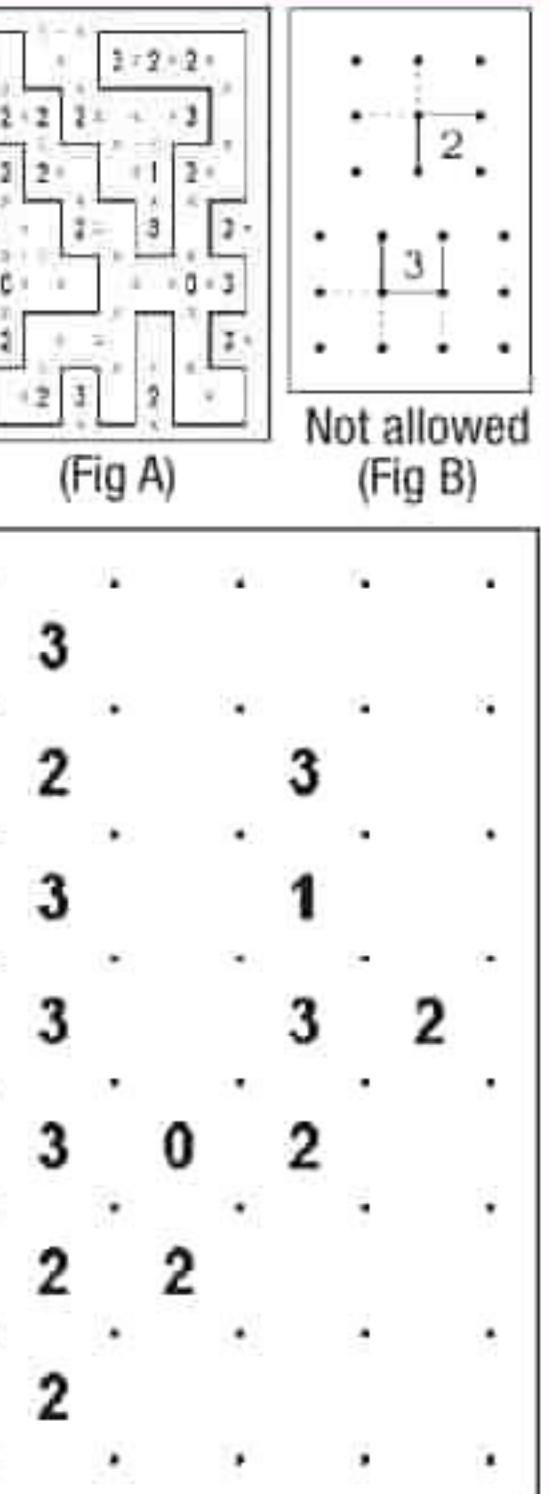


HOW TO PLAY

1. A number may appear just once in each row or column. Eliminate repeat numbers by darkening cells. (see example) 2. Darkened cells must never be adjacent in a row or column. 3. Unmarked cells must create a single continuous area, undivided by darkened cells. 4. Every time you darken a cell, you can automatically circle its vertical and horizontal neighbours, which means they cannot be eliminated. 5. Any cell "sandwiched" between neighbours of the same value can be circled. (e.g. [6][4][6]) 6. A "triple" is a special case of sandwich. Circle the centre cells, and darken the ends. (e.g. [6][6][6])



LOOP THE LOOP



RULES

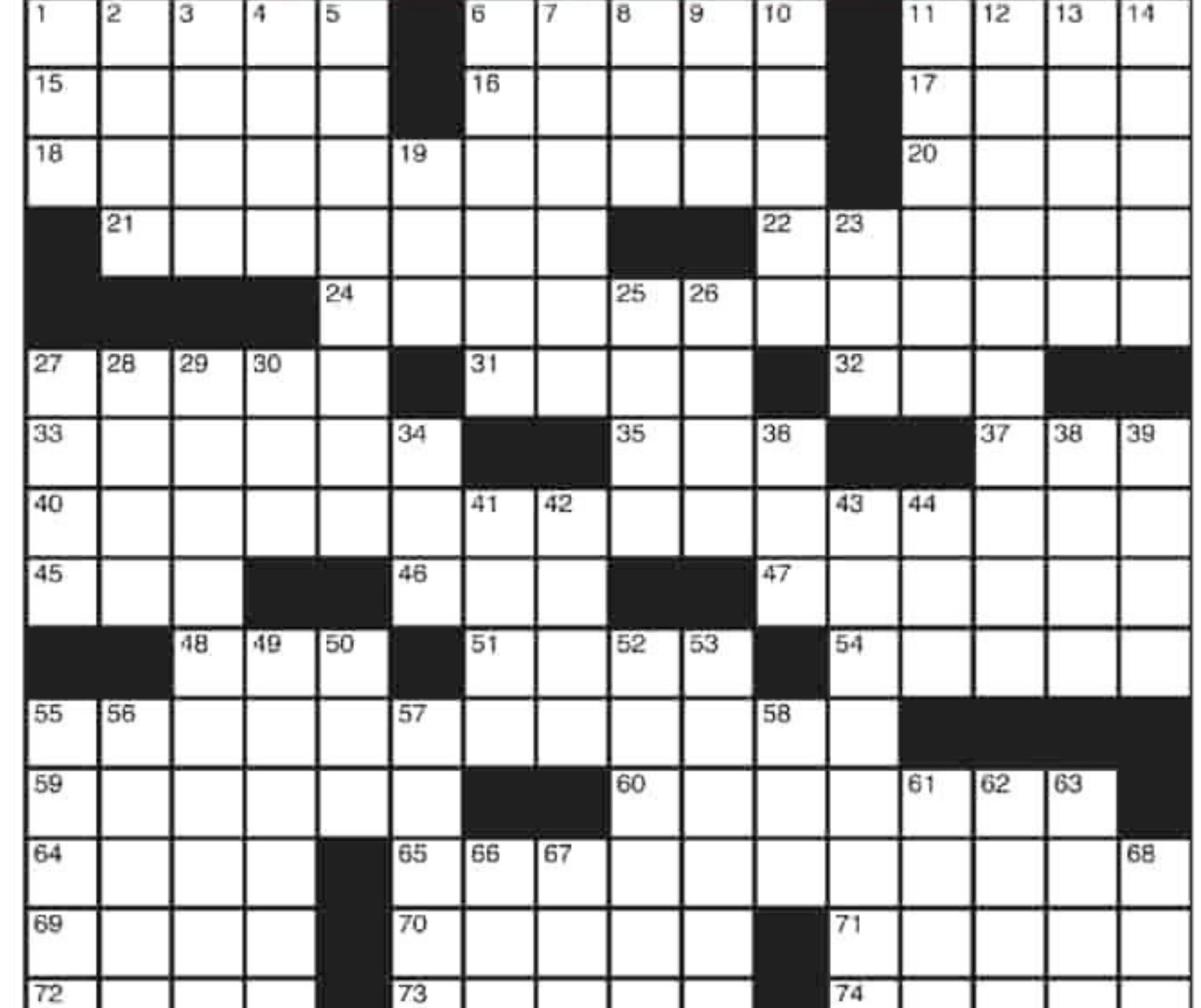
- Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A).
- Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B).
- Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines.
- You can't draw lines around zeroes.
- Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

HOW TO BEGIN:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a deadend (Fig B).

THE DAILY CROSSWORD



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By Doug Peterson

ACROSS

1. Worthless stuff
6. Eyewear, informally
11. Sacred Egyptian bird
15. Zing
16. Prepare to start a hole
17. Slam
18. "Chimp aboard a rocket, say
20. Luxury hotel chain
21. Pink pencil parts
22. Beat on eBay
24. "Entertainment systems sold with controllers
27. Calico's outdoor enclosure
31. Walk of Fame symbol
32. Furrow maker
33. Nuts in a chipmunk's hoard
35. TV hosts
37. Flock sound
40. "Storage area in a dashboard
45. Hearty laugh
46. Goose Island brew, for short
47. Put on the right track
48. "The Addams Family" cousin
51. "Tell Mama" singer James
54. Analyze for purity
55. "Garage employee
59. Attack vigorously
60. Ancient musicians
64. Dutch painter Frans
65. Kinks hit about the local palais, and what
66. Blizzards, e.g.
7. Gift for writing?
8. "Yikes!"
9. Actor's alert
10. Track with malware, say
11. "Same here!"
12. Fuzzy pollinators
13. Concave navel
14. Slides after braking
19. Cupa
23. Show to a seat, slangily
25. David
26. Apex predator in the ocean
27. Evasive
28. Free speech advocacy gp.
74. Madeleine of

30. Music producer Gotti
34. Bio or chem
36. Hit show letters
38. "Pushing Daisies" actress Friel
39. Legal dept. staffer
42. SAT section
43. Copies made with see-through sheets
44. Grafton's "___ for Malice"
49. Warm and comfy
50. "OMG, no more details!"
52. Knack
53. Very soon now
55. Oohed and
56. Water bill statistic
57. Spanish folk hero
58. NPR host Flatow
61. "Beat it!"
62. Bandleader Puerto
63. Imitation flakes in a clear globe
66. Guadalajara gold
67. Univ. near Harvard
68. Univ. senior's test

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



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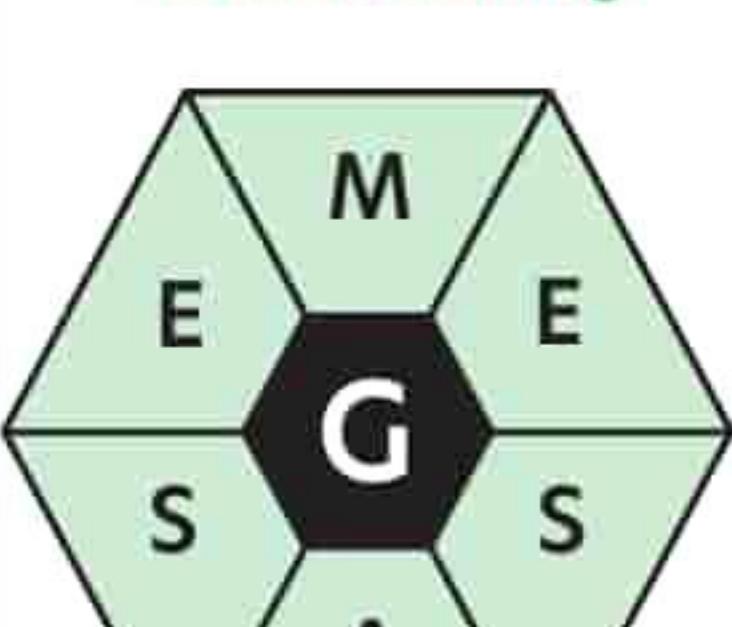


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Today's Ratings:
01-average | 02-good | 03-outstanding



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown in today's puzzle? In making a word, a letter can be used as many times as it appears in the puzzle. Each word must contain the central letter. There should be at least one seven letter word. Plurals, foreign words and proper names are not allowed. British English Dictionary is used as reference.

DENNIS THE MENACE

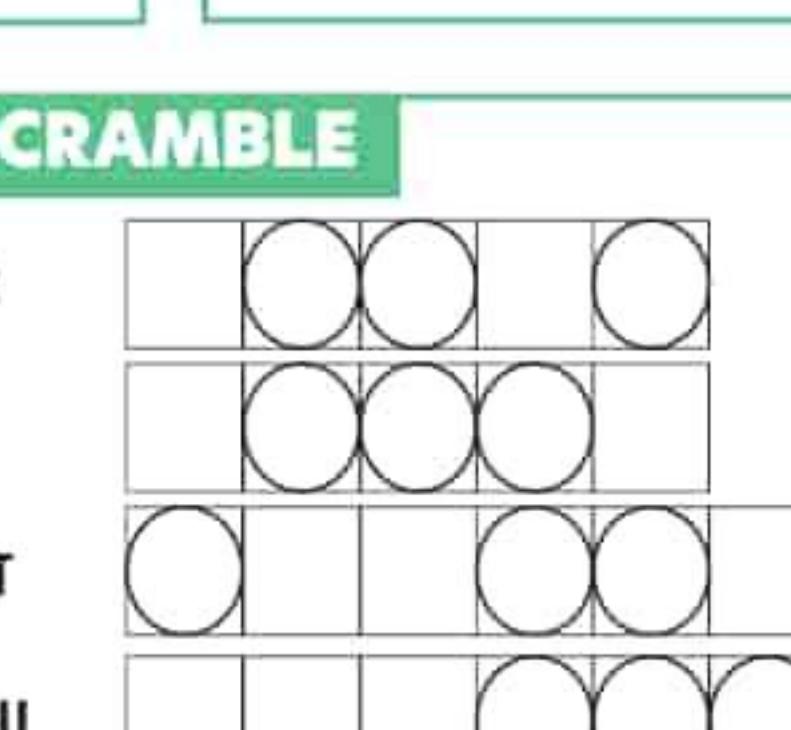


"I ONLY BENT THE RULES, THEY BROKE ALL BY THEMSELVES."

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HOW TO PLAY

Now arrange the letters in the circles to form the answer to the riddle or to fill in the missing word as indicated



Find a priest who understands English and doesn't like ___ - Aristotle Onassis (4,8)

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ARIES: You're either eager to get back to work after what might have proved a draining weekend or else you're on holiday. You're excited and animated at the prospect of what now lies in store. You need to slow things down a little. **Taurus:** Efforts to change certain situations will wake you up and bring you back to reality. Think twice before you speak. An important person will be listening to you. You have the ability to spread a little magic everywhere you go. **Gemini:** You should welcome the intrusion of a healthier perspective. Career focus will shed some light on ways to learn more about yourself. Your senses will take you for the ride of a lifetime. **Cancer:** You may get caught up on seeing and commenting on the negative aspects of life. Some close to you will share a helpful hint on how to build a harmonious atmosphere. You will have to replace the compulsion with something that you have more control. Keep things simple. **Leo:** You may need to hide your true feelings behind a guise of smiles. You have the ability to reach past all the negative thinking. Time and schedules need to be fine tuned. This is a day that will be highlighted by numerous events. **Virgo:** You will need to take time out today to appreciate the way things are around you at work place. Begin to take on more responsibility. There will be something better coming soon. Get in touch with old friends. **Libra:** You must also focus on the more pleasurable things. Your friends and family are the most

valuable resources you will ever have. This is the time to realise the mental and emotional benefits. You are confident and you will even surprise yourself.

SCORPIO: You will be able to handle the unusual with ordinary conventional methods. Good things always come to those who wait. Your ability to forgive the past could focus on the future. Stay in touch with reality and you'll be able to move ahead.

SAGITTARIUS: Time is on your side, don't try to push opinions on others who are not interested. You need to rethink and talk about your personal relationships. Turn your old fears into jokes in order to make others laugh. Watch for the quiet beauty unfolding through a slow process of success.

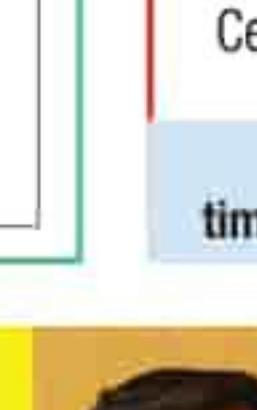
CAPRICORN: In your personal life issues, a fresh set of rules will apply. Your brisk, affectionate manner heals the wound. Your personal life will become more deeply satisfying experiences. You will have all the time in the world to be creative.

AQUARIUS: You need to re-examine your goals. Get rid of the old ones that no longer fit your life and create some new ones. Some people may speak freely and do not think of the consequences of what they have said. Listen to the suggestions and allow your positive traits to emerge.

PISCES: The right attitude will make all the difference today. Don't look at things from a pessimistic viewpoint. Don't take comments too personally. Your altered viewpoint will allow you to see beyond the superficial and important things. Don't allow assumptions to steer you in the wrong direction.

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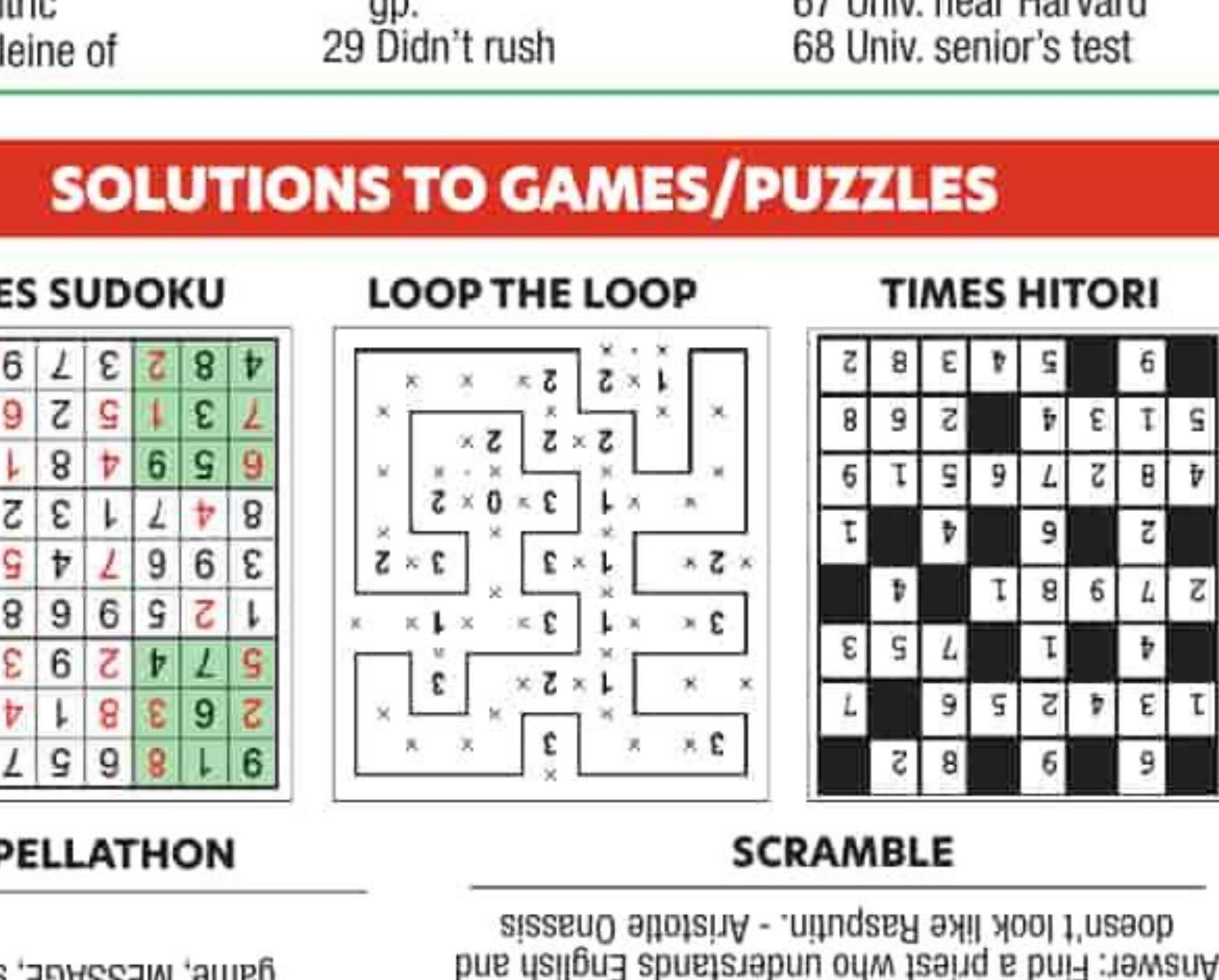
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World's rarest waters put to the test in Atlanta



The world's finest waters took centre stage at the Fine Water Summit 2025, held in Atlanta's Buckhead district. Led by renowned water sommelier Dr Michael Mascha, the three-day event brought together connoisseurs, sustainability experts, and luxury bottled water brands to explore the artistry and science behind premium but still drinking water.

One of the highlights of the summit was the 2025 Taste & Design Awards. It was judged by five certified

Water is not just a necessity; it's becoming a luxury symbol, and also a storytelling medium... With growing interest in wellness and conscious consumption, fine water sits at the intersection of health, culture and design

- Dr Michael Mascha, water sommelier

Bizarre



US boy playing with mother's phone orders 70,000 lollipops

A Kentucky woman said her son, who's in second grade, was playing with her phone recently and secretly placed an online order for 70,000 lollipops - a total purchase of about \$4,200 (₹3.5 lakh). Holly LaFavers said on social media that she was shocked to discover 30 cases of lollipops on her doorstep, each containing 2,340 pieces of candy.



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WHAT IS COLLAGEN AND COLLAGEN SUPPLEMENT
Collagen, a natural protein in our bodies, supports skin, bones, joints, and tissues. With age, its production declines, leading to wrinkles and joint discomfort. Supplements claim to restore collagen, enhancing skin elasticity and easing joint pain.

Forms of supplements

Powder: Can be mixed with water, smoothies, or coffee

Capsules/tablets: Can be taken with water

Liquid: Ready-to-drink shots or bottles

Gummies: Flavoured chewables



Collagen craze: Youth in a jar or marketing hype?

Collagen is hailed as the ultimate skin booster among skincare enthusiasts. However, experts say that the hype far outweighs the scientific evidence of collagen supplement benefits

Aakanksha Ahire

Collagen supplements are the latest obsession among beauty and skincare enthusiasts. They promise beautiful skin, shiny tresses, and strong nails and bones. Aditi Chauhan (25) from New Delhi has been taking collagen supplements for a year. "The buzz around its promising benefits made me try it. It hydrated my skin and hair, but it is not a miracle cure. I complemented it with a healthy diet and skincare routine."

On the contrary, Vrushali Wani (25) from Mumbai, who took collagen gummies for six months to address skin con-

cerns, shared that she didn't notice any visible improvements.

Similarly, Megha (35) from Pune took collagen for five months. However, she didn't get the desired benefits. "My hair and skin did improve a bit, but the supplement didn't meet my expectations, especially for the price I paid for it."

Dr Zara Dadi, a cosmetologist and aesthetician, says, "Studies suggest that collagen supplementation may help improve skin elasticity and hydration while supporting joint health, however, their results vary. Their effectiveness of the supplements depends on collagen type, source, and individual absorption."

Celebs, influencers driving the hype

Social media, celebrity endorsements and the desire to look youthful are common reasons behind the hype, opines Dr Zara Dadi.

Celebrities like Jennifer Aniston, Kourtney Kardashian and Halle Berry have long endorsed collagen supplements. While Aniston promoted a collagen brand on Instagram,

Kardashian has teamed up with the same brand in the past to release a line of exclusive flavours under her brand Poosh. The powder even featured on season 14 of *Keeping Up With the Kardashians*. Berry, too, has told *Business Insider* that she swears by collagen to stay youthful and healthy.

As for social media influence, Dr Agni Bose says, "It is responsible for the hype. Content available online can be misleading in terms of cost-benefit analysis."

Dr Gupte adds, "I have not come across anyone, apart from paid influencers, who say collagen supplements have made a difference in their skin and health."

Kourtney is often seen promoting her brand's collagen supplement on the family's show



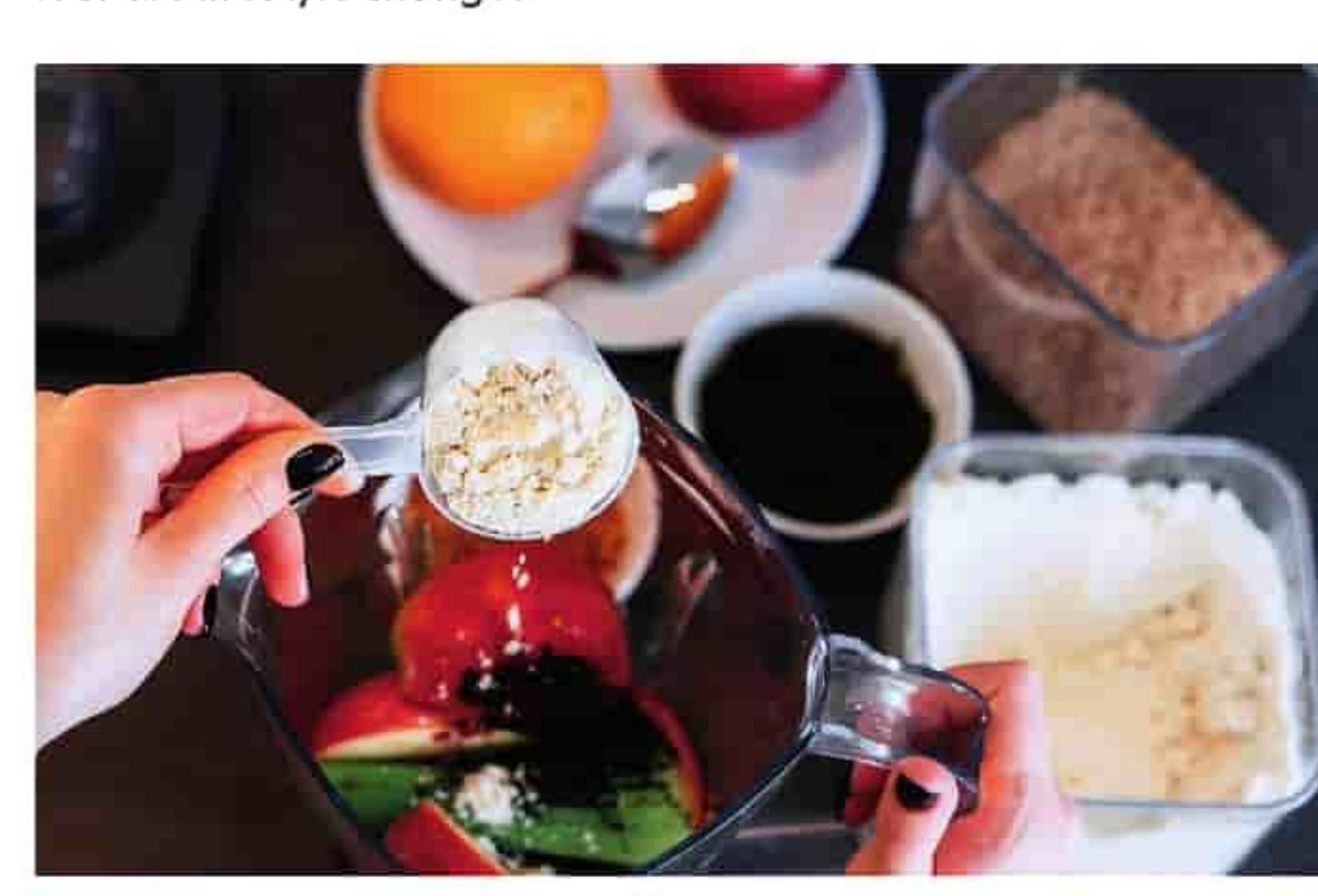
Should you take it?

- Healthy young adults don't need collagen supplements, but it's generally safe to consume
- Helpful for those with ageing signs or joint issues
- Evaluate if you truly need it or are lifestyle changes

enough. A balanced diet and exercise suffice for most

• Always consult a medical expert before starting any supplement

(As suggested by cosmetologists, Dr Trishna Gupte and Dr Zara Dadi)



Types of collagen

Dr Gupte informs, "There are mainly three types of collagen molecules - type I, type II and type III. Collagen supplements are effective only if they contain all three molecules." Most supplements contain two types of collagen - marine collagen or animal collagen.

Collagen is inherently an animal-derived protein, so there's technically no such thing as vegan collagen. Vegan collagen typically contains collagen-boosting ingredients like vitamin C, zinc, and amino acids, which support its natural production. For those with a plant-based lifestyle, focusing on its precursors rather than collagen itself might be a more effective solution

- Dr Zara Dadi, cosmetologist and aesthetician

Do collagen supplements really work?

It is crucial to note that the body doesn't absorb the whole of the supplement consumed. Dr Trishna Gupte, a cosmetologist, shares, "There is data which states that marine and animal collagen are the only ones that can get absorbed to a certain extent and offer little hydration and bone health. She adds, "In India, many prefer to take vegan supplements, but it is difficult to derive benefits from them." Further, collagen single-handedly doesn't work. She says, "You also need calcium, vitamin D3 and C."

Additionally, Dr Agni Bose, a dermatologist, says, "Collagen is beneficial but certain concoctions people consume as collagen also have other antioxidants which make it hard to determine collagen's true effectiveness."

Collagen supplements are expensive to source. Their return on investment is low... If you are spending ₹100 on something, it should at least give you benefits worth ₹110. It is more beneficial to consume natural protein and Vitamin C to boost collagen production naturally

- Dr Agni Bose, dermatologist

The fountain pen is not ready to be written off, yet

Arka Das

In a world split over Miyazaki's hand-painted masterpieces and AI's cold replicas, the quiet but elegant resurgence of fountain pens is a moment to savour. From novices to collectors, loyal and discerning users to those who pursue bespoke and luxury brands as emblems of status – there is a fountain pen for everyone. And if the buzz at the recent pen festival in Kolkata was anything to go by, this romance with pen and ink is well and thriving.



A tactile resurgence

Post-COVID, as people turned to journaling, fountain pens became the writing instrument of choice. "Great artisanal pens are conversation starters," says retired geologist Yusuf Mansoor of Patna in a BBC feature on India's artisanal pens. With more than 7,000 fountain pens in his collection, he speaks for their pull beyond utility. "The nib learns your grip, your pressure. Over time, it mirrors you," says Mumbai-based Riyad Kundanmal, an architect who has been using ink pens for over 25 years. "It's the drag of the nib, the way ink pools – it's alive," says collector Akash Banerjee.

Festivals like the Pen Show India in Mumbai, Delhi and Bengaluru brim with this energy – tables hold Sheaffers, Sailors, and Vazirs, while workshops tune nibs to personal quirks. Dedicated blogs and communities note a rise in chatter, with users swapping ink tips online – a sign the market for fountain pens is holding steady.

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Inks and nibs: The fountain pen in India

The late economist Bibek Debroy makes a passionate case for this old-school tool in his book *Inked In India*. "A fountain pen is sustainable, refillable, and has a soul. It becomes an extension of the person using it.... There is no reason why the world should not shift to using fountain pens, especially Indian ones." This aligns with the rise of Indian brands like Lotus, Click and ASA offering Japanese urushi-style lacquered finishes and gold nibs. Inks only deepen this ritual. Krishna Inks from Tamil Nadu blends 'Pichola Blue' in small runs, while Sulekha offers themed collections inspired by Jamini Roy and Satyajit Ray. Fountain pens speak to those who value time, refinement, and craftsmanship – the irreplaceable experience of putting pen to paper. Miyazaki would have approved.

Fountain pens as status symbols

If enthusiasts are drawn to the fountain pen's tactile, personal experience, for collectors they are the new status symbol. The rarer the piece, the better. Dibyendu Das, a Bengaluru banker, holds a Montblanc John Lennon edition – its vinyl grooves and guitar clip a nod to history. "The resin mimics vinyl records. The clip is a guitar neck. That pen is art," he says. High-end pieces like the Montblanc Writers Edition or Montegrappa's Dragon start at ₹75,000 and soar well past ₹5 lakh. Some ultra-limited editions – crafted from precious metals or inlaid with jewels – are priced from ₹10 lakh. Some are pure jewellery – like the Cartier Crocodile Décor, with diamond-encrusted gold reptiles, priced at ₹97 lakh. "The market for limited edition pens is like that for luxury watches. Over time, they appreciate in value because only a few are made and they sell out worldwide," says Ansh Chordiya, seller of premium fountain pens.



Indian craftsmanship for the world

Indian brands have been instrumental in shaping this narrative. One of the pioneers was Radhika Nath Saha from Calcutta, who set up the first pen factory in India in 1907 and was awarded an American fountain pen patent in 1910. Calcutta is also home to the 77-year-old Pen Hospital, a nondescript workshop where every broken pen is nursed back to life.

In recent years, handcrafted Indian pens have captured the imagination of the discerning.

Vazir, from Mumbai, creates resin-and-brass fountain pens that start from ₹1,500 and go up to ₹8,000 for bespoke models. "Our philosophy was to offer hand-crafted luxury pens that wouldn't break the bank," says proprietor Nisha Singh. Made from resins, acrylics, cellulose acetate and solid metals like aluminum and brass, Vazir is known for thick yet lightweight pens. Ranga Pens, founded by MS Pandurangan in Tiruvallur, Tamil Nadu, crafts ebonite and rosewood pens fitted with Kanwrite nibs. Prices range from ₹2,000 to ₹12,000 and more for fully custom builds.

– Inputs by Sundas Jawed

Do you use a fountain pen? If yes, which one is your favourite and why? Write to us at pov@timesofindia.com

Simple moves for staying nimble in just 20 minutes

Like balance, power and mobility, your agility generally decreases with age unless you train it regularly. The key to a good agility program is exercises that quickly change direction, said Milica McDowell, a physical therapist. Getting into a regular habit of agility training can help you avoid a fall as well as improve your mental acuity.

Practicing a few times a week, you can expect to see improvements within a couple weeks, said

Brett Poniro, a strength and conditioning coach in New York and Luks' trainer.

"You'll feel the mental confidence of your training first," Poniro explained, "feeling comfortable moving faster. Then you'll see the physiological change."

The New York Times

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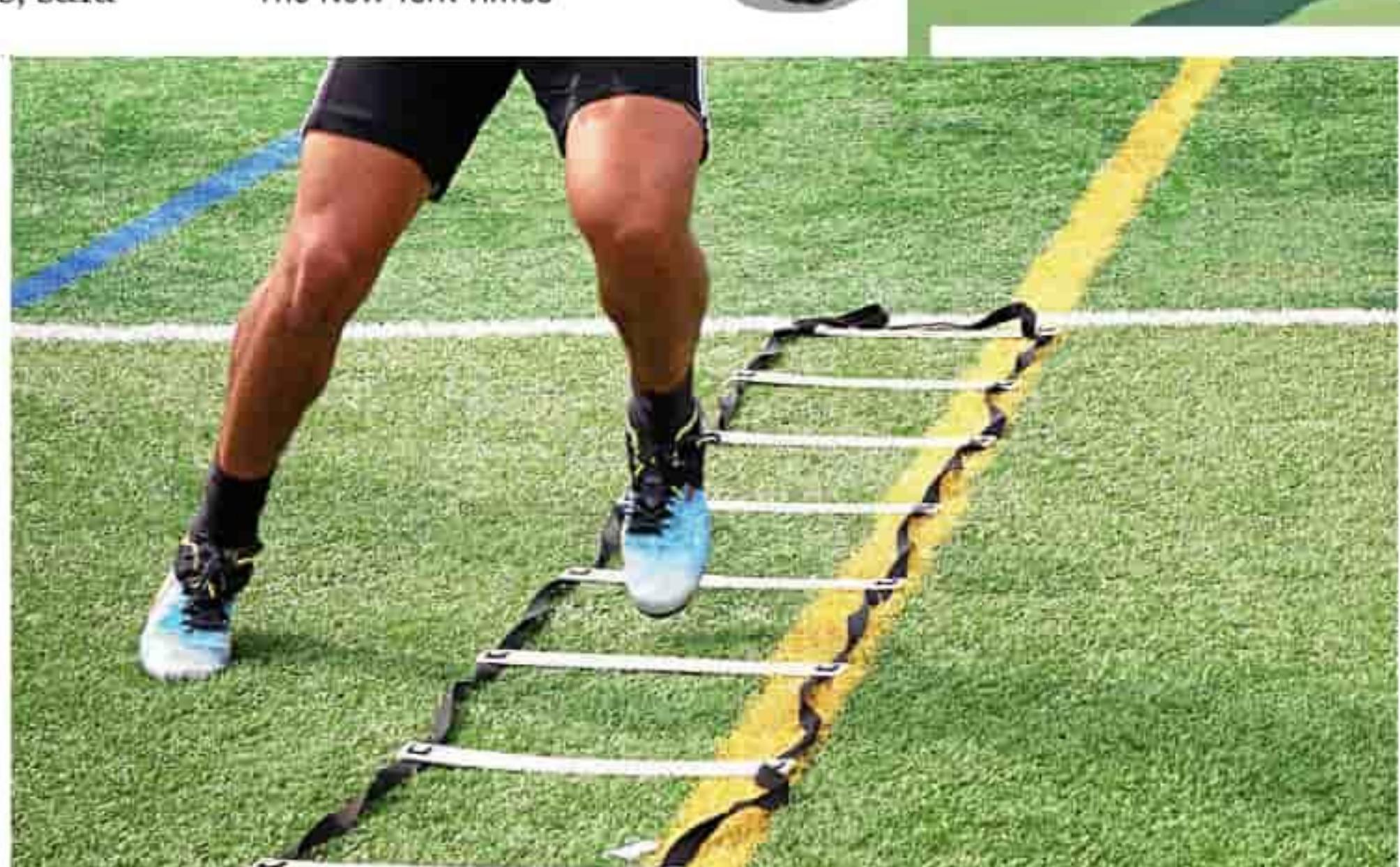


FIGURE EIGHT DRILL:
Set two dumbbells, cones or yoga blocks 10 to 15 feet apart. Picture the top, bottom and middle of a figure eight in your mind. Run the figure eight, aiming to improve your reaction time on turns and curves. Try switching directions with each set



LADDER DRILLS: Start with a 15-foot chalk line, tape or cord. Quickly step over the line with one foot at a time, bringing both feet to one side before going back across to the other. With each step, move sideways down the line until you reach the end. Turn back to go the opposite way. As you improve, try an agility ladder to do these step-ins/outs while moving forward up and down the ladder

The workout

Sequence: Complete each drill three times before moving to the next. Start with one minute of rest after each drill and work that down to 30 seconds. **For each movement:** Do as many repetitions as you can in the time allowed. The goal is to increase your speed. **Carioca drill:** 30 seconds in each direction, repeated three times. **Ladder drills:** 30 seconds, repeated three times. **Figure eight drill:** 20 seconds, repeated three times. **Agility balls:** 30 seconds, repeated three times. **Skaters:** 15 repetitions, repeated three times. **Shuttle runs:** 30 seconds, repeated three times

While agility training, use a flat training shoe or even go barefoot on a cushioned surface, McDowell said. "This is not a time to work out in big, cushy training shoes, because you'll risk an ankle sprain"



How to: Maintain your hair after a workout regimen

Maintain your hair after a workout

Tie your hair in a loose bun, ponytail, or braid to prevent tangling. Use a moisture-wicking headband or scarf to absorb sweat around your hairline.

Post-workout care:

Use a soft, absorbent towel or a hairdryer on a cool setting to gently dry your scalp. Apply dry shampoo to the roots to absorb excess oil. If your scalp is too sweaty, rinse with water instead of shampooing every time. Use a leave-in conditioner on the lengths for hydration.

Scalp care:

Cleanse your scalp with a gentle, sulphate-free



shampoo 2-3 times a week. Massage your scalp to boost blood circulation.

Deep conditioning: Apply a deep conditioning mask once a week for moisture and repair.

Regular detangling: Use a wide-tooth comb on damp hair to prevent breakage.

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- LAJPAT NAGAR, 49, Main Ring Road, Adj. Haldi Ram, Near Moolchand Crossing

Getting started

Time: 20 to 25 minutes
Intensity: Moderate
Rounds: Two to three sets of each exercise

What you'll need

Two small cones. You can also use yoga blocks or dumbbells in their place. A racquetball, tennis ball or other small ball that can bounce. Chalk or tape for the ground to simulate an agility ladder, which you can also use.

Adjust for you
If you are new to agility training, scale the moves to your ability. Where one athlete might shuttle run between cones, an 82-year-old who does little exercise might replace the run with a step toward a cone and then a step back.

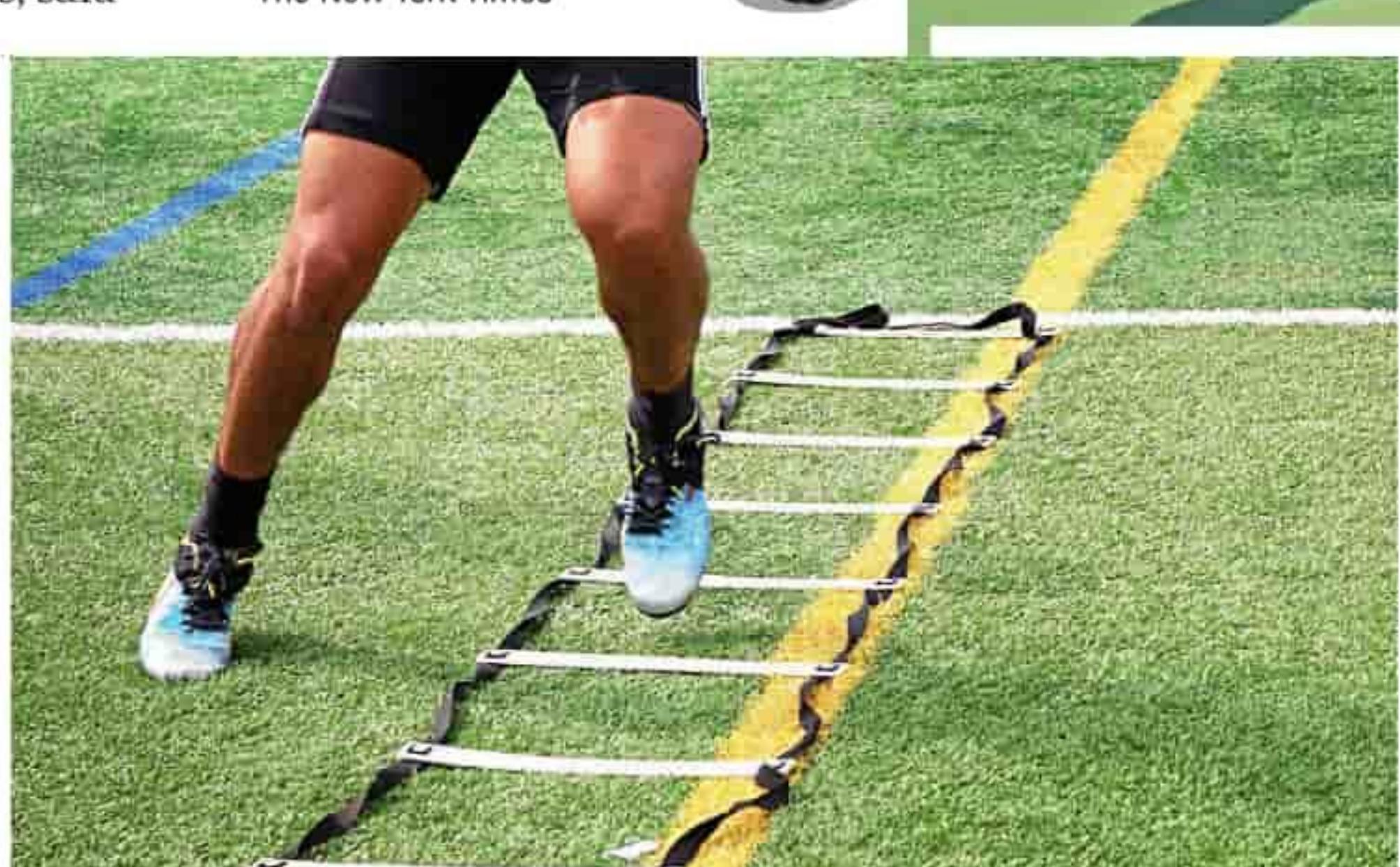


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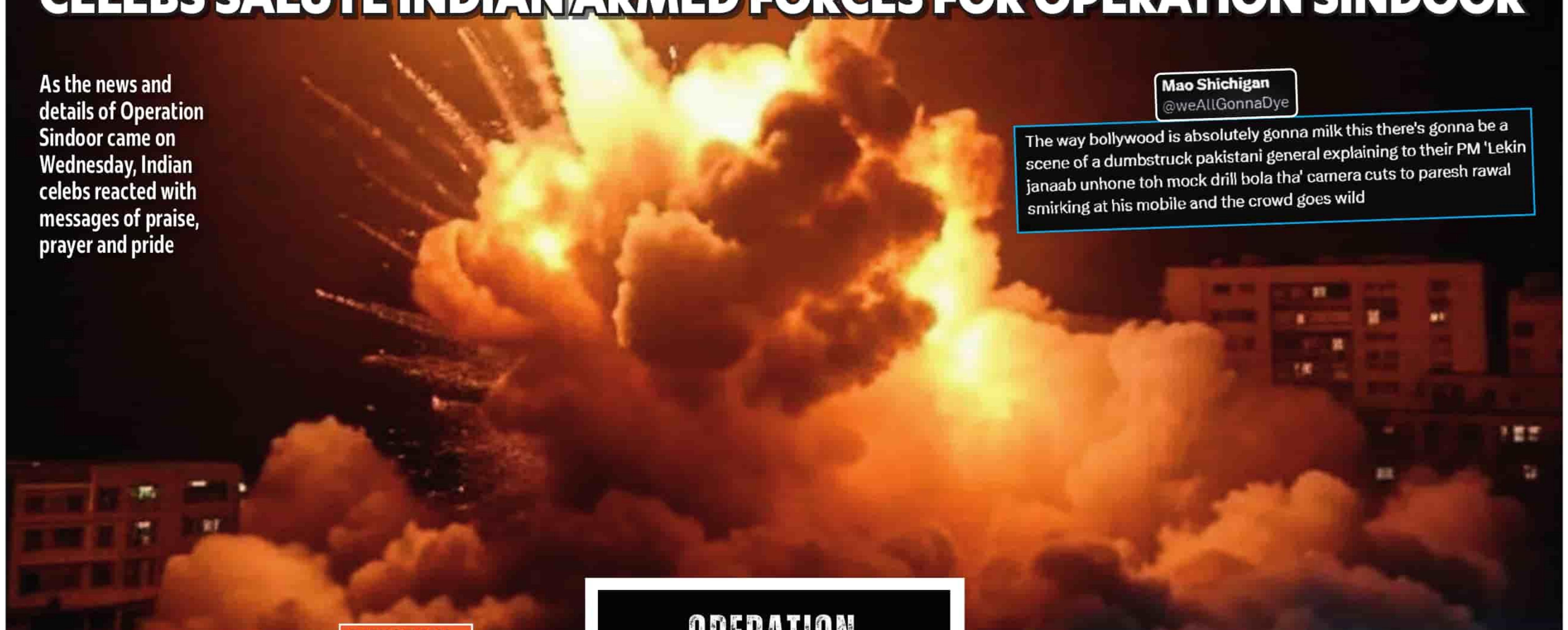


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ONE COUNTRY. ONE MISSION: CELEBS SALUTE INDIAN ARMED FORCES FOR OPERATION SINDOOR

As the news and details of Operation Sindoor came on Wednesday, Indian celebs reacted with messages of praise, prayer and pride



Mao Shichigan
@weAllGonnaDye

The way bollywood is absolutely gonna milk this there's gonna be a scene of a dumbstruck pakistani general explaining to their PM 'Lekin janaab unhone toh mock drill bola tha' camera cuts to pares rawal smirking at his mobile and the crowd goes wild

OPERATION SINDOOR

SACHIN TENDULKAR

Fearless in unity. Boundless in strength. India's shield is her people. There's no room for terrorism in this world. We're ONE TEAM! Jai Hind #OperationSindoor

AJAY DEVGN

Saluting our Honourable Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi and our Indian forces. India stands tall and strong. Jai Hind

AKSHAY KUMAR

Jai Hind Jai Mahakaal

SUNIEL SHETTY

Terror has no place. Zero Tolerance. Total Justice. #OperationSindoor.

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United with our forces. One country. One mission. #JaiHind #OperationSindoor

RAVEENA TANDON

Bharat has always stood for peace and righteousness. Yet, for decades, we have endured a proxy war sponsored by hostile forces - costing countless innocent lives. Despite offering peace through many initiatives and talks. The world must now act against terror factories. India's actions are well thought of, defensive, focused solely on eliminating terror threats - not civilians. Our soldiers and our people have shown immense patience and courage. I stand firmly with my nation, our armed forces, our leadership and our people.

KICCHA SUDEEP

As an Indian... as a son of this sacred soil, I felt the tremor of pain in Pahalgam. Today, I feel the thunder of justice. Operation Sindoor: not just a mission, but a sacred vow. The sindoor of Bharat was stained... our bravehearts restored its honor with fire and precision. To our Armed Forces, my endless salute.

RAJINIKANTH

The fighter's fight begins... No stopping until the mission is accomplished! The entire NATION is with you. @PMOIndia @HMOIndia #OperationSindoor JAI HIND

ANUPAM KHER

Bharat Mata Ki Jai #OperationSindoor

SHEKHAR KAPUR

India's response to Pahalgam terrorists attacks is befitting a Nation that is showing the world how responsible and confident it is in itself. Without the rhetoric of War #operation_sindoor is a precise hit at territories and organisation that backed the horrendous terrorist that killed innocent civilians. #BharatMataKiJai #PahalgamTerroristAttack #operation_sindoor

SONU SOOD

Justice is served. Jai Hind

MOHAMMAD SHAMI

The Indian Armed Forces turned adversity into a powerful FATE moment. Their courage and valor in the face of danger have made us all proud #operationsindoor

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'Authenticity on social media isn't just important, it is the only way'



Vinay MR Mishra

Content doesn't always have to be strategic. It should come from the heart. It should be who you truly are," said Shraddha Kapoor while making a compelling case for the need for authenticity on social media. During an interaction with Adam Mosseri, the head of Instagram, at the WAVES 2025 session titled 'Enabling Creative Expression: How Gen Z Consumes Content', the actress urged content creators to lead with heart in a world driven by algorithms.

'IT'S AN INCREDIBLE TIME FOR CONTENT CREATORS IN INDIA RIGHT NOW'

The Street actress, known for her genuine and engaging online persona, kicked off the conversation by emphasizing the profound im-



I consider myself to a meme addict'

Bringing her trademark candour, Shraddha admitted to being a "meme addict". She said, "I consider myself a meme addict - I'm constantly sending them to my friends and family; we share memes on WhatsApp too. It's remarkable how quickly trends form and evolve, with each generation finding its own unique voice." This dynamic and ever-changing landscape presents both opportunities and challenges for content creators, the actress noted.

pact of smartphones on content creation. Highlighting how these devices have levelled the playing field, allowing anyone to become a creator and producer, Shraddha said, "Content creation is a new word that has been introduced probably in the last decade. But content creation, is pretty much storytelling, right? And what better country than India to tell a story? We're so rich in storytelling (traditions) - we've grown up with them in our households. We're al-

ready in an incredible place. You see a *chaiwala* creating content, people creating content in their bedrooms... they don't need those large setups. It's an incredible time for content creators in India right now - and I believe it's only going to get better from here."

'WE CAN ALL TELL WHEN SOMEONE ISN'T BEING REAL ON SOCIAL MEDIA'

Shraddha also emphasized the value of genuine, heartfelt content, saying, "Authenticity isn't just important - it's the only way. We can all tell when someone isn't being real. They say the camera doesn't lie, and it's true - people connect more deeply when you show all facets of who you are. It should come from the heart. It should be who you truly are."

Anil & Sonam mourn Nirmal Kapoor with throwback pics

Sonam with Nirmal Kapoor on her wedding day

One of the throwback photos Anil Kapoor shared featured Nirmal Kapoor (C) with other members of the family, including Sanjay, Shanaya, Sunita and Anshula Kapoor

Anil Kapoor penned a tribute to his late mother Nirmal Kapoor, who passed on May 2 at the age of 90. Sharing a series of throwback photos featuring Nirmal Kapoor with various members of the family, the actor expressed gratitude for those who stood with the family during this tough time. He wrote, "The love pouring in from all walks of life has been overwhelming. I truly don't have the words to express how grateful we are. My mother touched so many lives, not just directly but through the people she nurtured, supported, and loved. She was one of those remarkable women who never stood in the spotlight but whose

strength held everyone together. A silent pillar, always smiling, always caring, always bringing warmth to those around her. She was the glue that kept our family close, from our children to our grandchildren, and even our extended family and friends."

Sonam Kapoor too took to her Instagram on Tuesday to remember her grandmother Nirmal Kapoor. Sharing a series of photos featuring the latter in candid frames, the actress wrote, "Love you Dadi." TNN

HEY BABY!

@sagarikaghate

SAGARIKA GHATGE, who recently welcomed her first child, with husband Zaheer Khan, shared glimpses of their son Fatehsinh Khan on social media, on Tuesday. She captioned the post with heart and evil eye emojis